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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.3 PERCENT IN AUGUST

Massachusetts posted a 3.3 percent unemployment rate in August, down from 3.7 percent the previous month, Marlene B. Seltzer, Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)*, announced today.

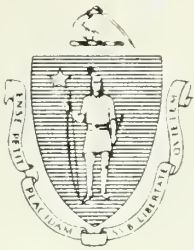
Preliminary estimates show that Massachusetts' job growth remains healthy at slightly more than 2 percent over the same period last year, adding between 65,000 and 70,000 new jobs. Between July and August, the construction and manufacturing sectors showed the largest growth, with expected seasonal increases. All other sectors remained stable.

The eight-month average unemployment rate in Massachusetts was 3.2 percent, compared to 3.4 for the same period in 1987. According to Commissioner Seltzer, "People are back to work following a typically slow business period in mid-summer. The August decline in unemployment is, in part, a reflection of seasonal pick-up as workers return to their jobs."

The nation's August unemployment rate was 5.6 percent, up slightly from July's 5.4 percent rate.

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER

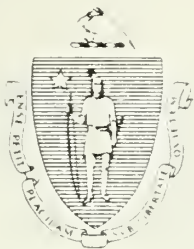
Massachusetts' unemployment rate dropped to 3.0 percent in September, down from 3.3 percent the previous month, Pamela B. Burns, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)*, announced today. The Massachusetts rate was the lowest of the 11 largest states.

"At the same time that Massachusetts is maintaining its low unemployment rate, the economy continues to add new jobs," commented Burns. Preliminary estimates show healthy job growth, with Massachusetts adding approximately 70,000 new jobs over the past year, a growth rate of about 2.3 percent. The construction sector has grown the fastest, followed by the finance, insurance, and real estate sector and the service sector.

The 1988 nine-month average unemployment rate in Massachusetts was 3.2 percent, compared to 3.3 for the same period in 1987.

The nation's September unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, down slightly from August's 5.6 percent rate. North Carolina posted the second lowest rate of the 11 largest states at 3.7 percent, while Michigan reported the highest rate at 7.3 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS' POSTS 3.3 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN OCTOBER

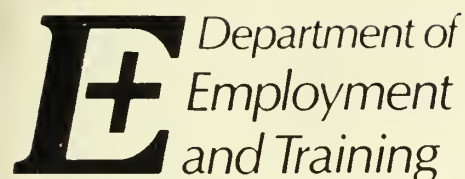
Massachusetts posted a 3.3 percent unemployment rate in October, Marlene B. Seltzer, Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)*, announced today. Unemployment in September was 3.0 percent. The Massachusetts rate was the lowest of the 11 large states.

"The Massachusetts economy remains strong and vibrant," commented Seltzer. "We've added approximately 70,000 new jobs over the last year." Preliminary estimates show that Massachusetts' annual job growth rate was slightly better than 2.0 percent in October. The construction sector has grown the fastest over the year, followed by the finance, insurance, and real estate sector and the service sector.

The 1988 ten-month average unemployment rate in Massachusetts was 3.2 percent, compared to 3.3 for the same period in 1987.

The nation's October unemployment rate was 5.3 percent, down slightly from September's 5.4 percent rate. New Jersey posted the second lowest rate of the 11 large states at 3.9 percent, while Texas reported the highest rate at 7.4 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS POSTS 4.0 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN NOVEMBER

Massachusetts posted a 4.0 percent unemployment rate in November, Marlene B. Seltzer, Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.)*, announced today. Unemployment in October was 3.3 percent.

"We continue to see healthy job growth in Massachusetts," said Seltzer. "I'm optimistic that we'll see improvement in the unemployment rate in the coming months, reflecting this growth." The 1988 11-month average unemployment rate in Massachusetts was 3.3 percent, virtually unchanged from a 3.2 percent rate for the same period in 1987.

Preliminary estimates show that Massachusetts added approximately 70,000 new jobs over the last year. All industry sectors posted job gains, with the exception of construction which experienced a slight seasonal decline.

October unemployment rates (the most recent numbers available) for the 11 largest labor market areas all showed declines over the previous month, with four areas posting rates under 3 percent: Worcester (2.4), Boston (2.5), Salem-Gloucester (2.6), and Springfield (2.8).

The nation's November unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, up slightly from October's 5.3 percent rate.



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MASSACHUSETTS POSTS 3.3 PERCENT 1988 ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE;
1988 EMPLOYMENT TOPS 3 MILLION FOR THE FIRST TIME

Massachusetts' December unemployment rate dropped to 3.4 percent, down from 4.0 percent the month before, bringing the state's annual average unemployment rate to 3.3 percent in 1988, Department of Employment and Training Commissioner Marlene B. Seltzer announced today. The 1988 rate is virtually unchanged from last year's 3.2 percent.

Seltzer also announced that average employment in 1988 passed the three million mark for the first time, increasing to 3,046,000 in 1988 from 2,987,000 the year before.

"Massachusetts has successfully maintained a low unemployment rate at the same time that we have increased employment to its highest level," said Seltzer. "This is great news for the people of Massachusetts. Our diverse economy continues to fuel healthy growth, bringing jobs and economic opportunity to every community of the Commonwealth."

The nation's preliminary annual average unemployment rate for 1988 was 5.5 percent, down from 6.2 percent the previous year. The nation posted a December unemployment rate of 5.3 percent, down slightly from November's 5.4 percent rate.

Massachusetts posted the lowest unemployment rate of the 11 large states in December. North Carolina was second with a rate of 3.6 percent, followed by New Jersey with a rate of 4.3 percent. Michigan ranked 11th with an unemployment rate of 7.5 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.3 PERCENT IN JANUARY

Massachusetts' January unemployment rate dropped to 3.3 percent, down slightly from 3.4 percent the month before, Department of Employment and Training Commissioner Marlene B. Seltzer announced today.

"This is good news to start the new year," commented Seltzer. "The Massachusetts economy remains strong and vibrant, providing jobs and economic opportunity for the people of the Commonwealth."

"For six years, Massachusetts' unemployment rate has remained the lowest of the nation's 11 largest states. This month's low rate bodes well for 1989," said Grady B. Hedgespeth, Secretary of Economic Affairs.

Massachusetts posted the lowest unemployment rate of the 11 large states in January. North Carolina and New Jersey were tied for second with rates of 3.9 percent. Texas ranked 11th with an unemployment rate of 7.1 percent.

December unemployment rates (the most recent numbers available) for Massachusetts' major labor market areas all showed declines or remained unchanged over the previous month, with six areas posting rates under 3.5 percent: Boston (2.5), Worcester (2.6), Salem-Gloucester (2.8), Springfield (3.1), Lowell (3.1), and Brockton (3.4).

The nation's January unemployment rate was 5.4 percent, up slightly from December's 5.3 percent rate.

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MASSACHUSETTS POSTS 3.5 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN FEBRUARY;
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Massachusetts posted an unemployment rate of 3.5 percent in February, Employment and Training Commissioner Marlene B. Seltzer announced today. The unemployment rate changed slightly from 3.3 percent in January.

"Both the labor force and employment level grew to record highs in February showing continued strength in the Massachusetts economy," commented Seltzer.

"A new total of 3,205,000 are in the Massachusetts labor force, and the February employment level set a new record with 3,094,000 people working, up 31,000 over the previous month."

1988 annual average unemployment rates for Massachusetts' labor market areas were released. Among the major labor market areas, Boston posted the lowest unemployment rate at 2.8 percent, followed by Worcester at 3.0 percent, Salem/Gloucester at 3.1 percent, Springfield at 3.3 percent, Lowell at 3.4 percent, and Brockton at 3.8 percent. In 1988, the state's annual average unemployment rate was 3.3 percent.

The nation's February unemployment rate was 5.1 percent, down from January's 5.4 percent rate.

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 3.4 PERCENT IN MARCH

Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 3.4 percent in March, Employment and Training Commissioner Marlene B. Seltzer announced today. The unemployment rate in February was 3.5 percent.

"Massachusetts' economic diversity continues to contribute to healthy job growth," commented Seltzer. "And with new jobs in a variety of industry sectors, we can help maintain the low unemployment level." Preliminary estimates show the fastest growing industry sectors over the past year were services (3.9 percent), finance, insurance and real estate (3.8 percent), and construction (2.3 percent).

The nation's March unemployment rate was 5.0 percent, down from February's 5.1 percent rate.

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MASSACHUSETTS POSTS 3.8 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN APRIL;
PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME FASTEST GROWING IN THE NATION

Massachusetts posted an unemployment rate of 3.8 percent in April, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The unemployment rate in March was 3.4 percent. The state's 4-month average unemployment rate is 3.5 percent.

"In April, our unemployment rate regained the lead of the lowest rates among the eleven large states," commented French. "We saw an increase in both the labor force and the number of people employed and, so far in 1989, job growth is growing at about 45,000 over the same time last year."

The nation's April unemployment rate was 5.3 percent, up from March's 5.0 percent rate. New Jersey's unemployment rate for April was second of the 11 large states at 4.0 percent, while Texas posted the highest rate of the large states at 7.4 percent.

Massachusetts' per capita personal income for 1988 was the fastest growing in the nation. With a growth rate of 8.7 percent over 1987, the income was third highest in the U.S. at \$20,701, twenty-six percent higher than the U.S. level. The nation's per capita personal income for 1988 was \$16,444.

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MAY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECREASES WHILE NUMBER
OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED CONTINUES TO GROW

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Massachusetts' unemployment rate dropped slightly to 3.6 percent in May, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The unemployment rate in April was 3.8 percent. The state's 5-month average unemployment rate remains steady at 3.5 percent.

"The economy in the Commonwealth continues to grow steadily," commented French. "The number of people employed increased, and job growth is strong in the range of 40,000 jobs for the year." The state's fastest growing industries are services and finance with preliminary estimates showing growth at almost 4.0 percent over the past year.

The nation's May unemployment rate was 5.2 percent, down from April's 5.3 percent rate.

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MASSACHUSETTS POSTS 4.0 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN JUNE;
MINORITY UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS IN SECOND QUARTER

Massachusetts posted a 4.0 percent unemployment rate in June, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The unemployment rate in May was 3.6 percent, with the state's 6-month average at 3.6 percent.

"The six month average indicates that the Commonwealth economy is still healthy, even as it slows down some," commented French. "In June, we saw an increase in labor force re-entrants, which are people with work experience who recently have been out of the labor market. This is good news for employers who are currently hiring," he added.

French also announced that second quarter joblessness for minorities decreased in the Commonwealth. Unemployment for blacks dropped to 7.7 percent, down from 12.0 percent in the first quarter, while Hispanic unemployment dropped to 8.9 percent from the 10.1 percent first-quarter mark. In the nation, black unemployment dropped to 11.5 percent from 11.8 percent in the second quarter, while the Hispanic rate increased slightly to 8.0 percent from 7.8 percent.

The nation's June unemployment rate was 5.3 percent, up slightly from May's 5.2 percent rate.

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MASSACHUSETTS POSTS 4.5 PERCENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN JULY

Massachusetts posted a 4.5 percent unemployment rate in July, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The unemployment rate in June was 4.0 percent.

"The overall growth rate of the economy has slowed, both nationally and in Massachusetts, and this is reflected in the unemployment rate. In Massachusetts, however, the service and finance sectors are continuing to grow at a strong rate," French said. From June 1988 to June 1989, the Massachusetts service sector has seen a healthy growth rate of 3.8 percent, while the finance sector has grown 3.9 percent during the same period of time.

In comparison to the eleven large states in the country, Massachusetts is the same as Pennsylvania with the third lowest unemployment rate, behind North Carolina and New Jersey.

The national unemployment rate dropped one tenth of a point to 5.2 percent from last month's rate of 5.3 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 4.1 PERCENT IN AUGUST

Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French today announced that the Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped in August to 4.1 percent from the July rate of 4.5 percent.

"Massachusetts in August had the second lowest unemployment rate of the eleven large states. That's good news--but our current revenue problems are a reminder that we have much to do to build a strong economic foundation for the 1990's," Gov. Michael S. Dukakis said. "Our Export 90's campaign, speedy construction of the harbor and artery tunnel projects and top-notch job training will be at the top of our economic priority list for 1990 and beyond," he added.

"While economic indicators for both the nation and the Commonwealth continue to adjust, it is good news to see our unemployment rate come down this month," said French. "We expect the unemployment rate to stay in this range through the end of the year," he added.

The national unemployment rate stayed the same as last month at 5.2 percent. North Carolina had the lowest unemployment rate of the 11 large states with an August rate of 3.7 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS POSTS 4.4 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN SEPTEMBER

Massachusetts posted a 4.4 percent unemployment rate in September, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The August rate was 4.1 percent. Massachusetts' 9-month unemployment average is 3.8 percent.

"Massachusetts low unemployment rate is good news for our economy," commented Alden S. Raine, Secretary of Economic Affairs. "We are going to move aggressively to build a stronger transportation infrastructure, work even harder to train our workforce to meet the demands of the economy and work with businesses in every region of the state to make Massachusetts even more competitive and to help double our exports to \$15 billion by 1993."

French added, "The September unemployment rate shows a modest increase over the prior month, primarily due to re-entrants into the labor force. We expect the unemployment rate to stay in the 4.0 to 4.5 percent range through the end of the year."

Massachusetts posted the third lowest unemployment rate of the 11 large states in September, with North Carolina at 4.0 percent and Pennsylvania at 4.1 percent. Michigan recorded the highest unemployment rate at 8.1 percent. The September national unemployment rate rose slightly to 5.3 percent, from August's 5.2 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS POSTS 4.5 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN OCTOBER

Massachusetts posted a 4.5 percent unemployment rate in October, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The September rate was 4.4 percent. Massachusetts' 10-month unemployment average is 3.9 percent.

"Massachusetts has the second lowest unemployment rate of the eleven large states," said French. "Certain sectors of the economy are slowing in Massachusetts, however, the largest sector of the Massachusetts economy--the service sector--is continuing to grow at a healthy rate of 3.1 percent," he added.

The October national unemployment rate is 5.3 percent, unchanged from last month. North Carolina is the lowest of the eleven large states at 3.2 percent. Michigan recorded the highest unemployment rate at 8.2 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS POSTS 4.4 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN OCTOBER

Massachusetts posted a 4.4 percent unemployment rate in November, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The October rate was 4.5 percent. Massachusetts' 11-month unemployment average is 3.9 percent.

"The Massachusetts unemployment rate remains low in comparison with the national average and in comparison with our own state history in the past couple of decades," said French. "In the past 15 years, Massachusetts has become an economically diverse state--with strong sectors such as services fueling the economy and balancing other sectors of our economy which are not doing as well," he added.

The October national unemployment rate is 5.4 percent, up slightly from last month's rate of 5.3 percent. North Carolina is the lowest of the 11 large states at 2.8 percent. Michigan recorded the highest unemployment rate at 7.3 percent.

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**MASSACHUSETTS' 1989 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 4.0 IS SECOND LOWEST
OF 11 LARGE STATES**

The Massachusetts average unemployment rate for 1989 is 4.0 percent, the second lowest of the 11 large states, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The December rate in Massachusetts is 4.6, up slightly from the November 1989 rate of 4.4 percent.

"For the past six years, Massachusetts has had the lowest annual average unemployment rate of the 11 large states," said French. "While our shift to the second lowest of the 11 large states should not cause alarm, it sends a signal that we in government and business need to work even harder to maintain the vital diversity of the Massachusetts economy," he added.

The December national unemployment rate is unchanged from the revised November rate of 5.3 percent. The preliminary 1989 average national unemployment rate is 5.3 percent. Among the 11 large states, preliminary estimates for the year indicate that the North Carolina unemployment rate is lowest with an annual average of 3.5 percent; Massachusetts is second lowest at 4.0 percent; third lowest is New Jersey at 4.1 percent; and Michigan is highest at 7.0 percent. For the month of December, North Carolina posted the lowest unemployment rate of the 11 large states at 3.1

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percent; New Jersey, at 3.6 percent is second lowest; and Michigan recorded the highest December unemployment rate at 7.2 percent.

Final job growth statistics for Massachusetts will not be available until February. Preliminary estimates, however, indicate that Massachusetts will show a job gain in 1989; although it will be minimal.

Fourth quarter unemployment rates for demographic groups in Massachusetts when compared with the third quarter, show that unemployment has declined among females, blacks, Hispanics, and teenagers. Massachusetts' annual averages for demographic groups are as follows: males: 4.3; females: 3.6; whites: 3.8; blacks 9.6; Hispanics 8.7; and teens (ages 16-19): 11.6. The preliminary national annual averages for the same demographic groups are as follows: males: 5.2; females: 5.4; whites: 4.5; blacks: 11.5; Hispanics: 8.0; and teens (ages 16-19): 15.0.

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS SLIGHTLY
IN JANUARY 1990 TO 4.5 PERCENT**

The January 1990 unemployment rate for Massachusetts is 4.5 percent, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The December rate was 4.6 percent.

"Our unemployment rate is stabilizing in the 4.5 percent range, and remains one of the lowest in the country -- second lowest among the 11 large states in January," said French. The January labor force, employed and unemployed numbers changed slightly from the month prior: 3,152,000 in the labor force (down 20,000); 3,011,000 employed (down 16,000); and 141,000 unemployed (down 4,000.)

The January national unemployment rate is unchanged from the December rate of 5.3 percent. Among the 11 large states, the North Carolina unemployment rate is lowest at 3.7 percent and Michigan is highest at 8.4 percent.

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ROSE
IN FEBRUARY 1990 TO 5.3 PERCENT**

The February 1990 unemployment rate for Massachusetts is 5.3 percent, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The January rate was 4.5 percent.

"Our unemployment rate is beginning to reflect the slower job growth and some layoff activity from the past two months," French said. "We can expect that the rate will remain around 5 percent for the next several months on a par with the national average."

The biggest change in the February labor force, employed and unemployed numbers--compared to January--show that the unemployed total of 169,000 (up 28,000) was increased with many more male claimants. The Labor force of 3,203,000 was up 51,000 and the employed total of 3,034,000 was also up 23,000.

The February national unemployment rate is unchanged from the January rate of 5.3 percent. Among the 11 large states, the North Carolina unemployment rate is lowest at 3.6 percent and Michigan is highest at 7.7 percent.

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UP
0.1 PERCENT IN MARCH**

The March, 1990 unemployment rate for Massachusetts is 5.4 percent, up slightly from February's 5.3 percent, Department of Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today.

"We expect that the rate will be similar to the national average through much of 1990, until jobs increase in the construction and trade industries." French said.

The March national unemployment rate is 5.2 percent, down one-tenth of one percent from the February rate of 5.3 percent, where the rate has steadily remained since May of 1989.

French also announced the unemployment rates for the commonwealth by demographic groups for the first quarter, 1990. Male unemployment was at 6.8 percent, female at 4.2, white at 5.5, blacks at 9.3, Hispanic at 9.2 and 16-19 year olds at 16.3 percent for January, February and March.

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE POSTED AT
5.5 PERCENT IN APRIL

The April 1990 unemployment rate for Massachusetts is 5.5 percent, up 0.1 percent from March's 5.4 percent, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today.

"We expect that the rate will remain close to the national average for much of 1990," French said.

The April national unemployment rate rose two-tenths of one percent -- from 5.2 to 5.4 percent -- reflecting job losses in the construction and manufacturing industries, French added.

Massachusetts is fifth lowest among the eleven large states. The unemployment rates for the other states are: North Carolina, 3.8 percent; New Jersey - 4.9; New York - 4.9; California - 5.4; Florida - 5.7; Pennsylvania - 5.7; Ohio - 5.9; Illinois - 6.1 and Texas - 6.4; and Michigan at 7.3 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS AT
5.5 PERCENT IN MAY

The May 1990 unemployment rate for Massachusetts is 5.5 percent, unchanged from April, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today.

"For the last four months, the number of unemployed in the state has remained somewhat stable at about 170,000 to 175,000," French said.

"We are, however, still above the national average due in part to slowdowns in the construction, manufacturing and retail sectors as well as the influx of 16- to 19-year-olds coming into the summer job market."

The May national unemployment rate dropped one-tenth of one percent-- from 5.4 to 5.3 percent.

Massachusetts is seventh lowest among the eleven large states. The unemployment rates for the other states are: North Carolina, 4.0 percent; New Jersey - 4.8; New York - 5.1; California - 5.4; Florida - 5.6; Pennsylvania - 4.9; Ohio - 5.9; Illinois - 5.3; Texas - 6.5; and Michigan at 7.7 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ROSE TO
5.8 PERCENT IN JUNE

The June 1990 unemployment rate for Massachusetts is 5.8 percent, up from 5.5 in May, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The June national unemployment rate dropped from 5.3 to 5.2 percent.

"We have a general increase in all categories of the unemployed, with new entrants and re-entrants in the job market showing a sharp increase," French said. "Young males and females are having a more difficult time finding jobs this summer."

French also released the state unemployment rates by demographic groups for the second quarter, 1990. Male unemployment was at 5.7 percent, female at 5.2, white at 5.4, blacks at 9.6, Hispanic at 6.0 and 16-19 year olds at 16.9 percent for April, May and June. (For the same period in 1989, the rates were: male - 4.3, female - 3.0, white - 3.5; black - 7.7, Hispanic - 8.9 and 10.1 for 16 - 19.)

Massachusetts' 5.8 percent is eighth lowest among the eleven large states. The unemployment rates for the other states are: North Carolina, 3.7 percent; Pennsylvania 4.6; New Jersey 4.8; California - 4.9; New York - 5.1; Ohio - 5.2; Texas - 5.6; Illinois - 6.0; Florida - 6.5; and Michigan at 7.3 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS POSTS 6.1 PERCENT
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN JULY

The July 1990 unemployment rate for Massachusetts is 6.1 percent, up from 5.8 in June, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The July national unemployment rate also rose .3 percent from 5.2 to 5.5 percent.

"Unfortunately, the rising unemployment rate reflects more people losing their jobs," French said. "This month's rate also shows more teen-agers and women looking for part-time work."

Of the 194,000 in the state's labor force that are currently unemployed, close to 111,000 are collecting unemployment benefits. About 25 percent of these people were last employed in the manufacturing industry, with 23 percent from trade, 20 percent from services, and 19.4 percent from construction.

The rates of the other eleven large industrial states are: North Carolina at 4.6 percent; New Jersey at 4.8 percent; Pennsylvania at 5.0 percent; California at 5.1 percent; New York at 5.3 percent; Ohio at 5.7 percent; Florida at 5.7 percent; Texas at 6.2 percent; Illinois at 6.7 percent; and Michigan at 7.4 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES
TO 6.7 PERCENT IN AUGUST

The August 1990 unemployment rate for Massachusetts is 6.7 percent, up from 6.1 in July, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The August national unemployment rate rose .1 percent from 5.5 to 5.6 percent.

"We are seeing serious job losses in nearly all industries, with increased losses in wholesale and retail trade contributing to the rising unemployment rate," French said. "Employment is off 25,600 or 3.4 percent in trade from one year ago."

Of the 211,000 in the state's labor force who are currently unemployed, 104,000 are collecting unemployment benefits. The weakest performing sectors continue to be construction and manufacturing, with construction off 23,900 or 17.5 percent from one year ago, while manufacturing was down 34,200 or 6.1 percent over the same time period.

The unemployment rates of the other eleven large industrial states are: North Carolina at 3.6 percent; New Jersey at 4.8; Pennsylvania at 4.9; Ohio and New York at 5.0; California at 5.4; Texas at 5.9; Illinois at 6.5; Florida at 6.7; and Michigan at 7.9 percent.

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS
TO 6.2 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER

The September 1990 unemployment rate for Massachusetts dropped to 6.2 percent, down from 6.7 in August, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The September national unemployment rate rose 0.1 percentage point from 5.6 to 5.7 percent.

"We saw the state's labor force increase by 16,000 last month and the number of employed by 28,000," French said. "Many homemakers and education personnel are returning to work after the summer, positively impacting the state's unemployment rate."

Of the 199,000 in the state's labor force who are currently unemployed -- a 12,000 drop over August -- 92,600 are currently collecting unemployment benefits. Services continued to grow with a modest gain; while manufacturing, a sector that has been showing continuous decline, added 1200 jobs in September.

The 1990 third quarter demographic rates were: Male -- 6.3 percent, up from 5.7 percent in the second quarter; Female -- 6.4 percent, up from 5.2 percent; White -- 6.3 percent, up from 5.4 percent; Black -- 9.2 percent, down from 9.6 percent; Hispanic -- 5.5 percent, down from 6.0 percent and 16-19 -- 14.1 percent, down from 16.9 percent.



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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES .01 PERCENT
TO 6.3 PERCENT IN OCTOBER

The October, 1990 unemployment rate for Massachusetts rose to 6.3 percent, up slightly from 6.2 in September, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The October national unemployment rate remained the same at 5.7 percent.

"The state's number of unemployed remained unchanged in October, as did the number of people collecting unemployment insurance benefits," French said. "The economy appears to have reached a temporary plateau but is expected to lag through the first half of 1991."

Last month, there were continuing losses in most industry sectors. However, with an influx of school personnel -- particularly in the state schools and community colleges -- government increased 14,800 jobs and transportation gained 3,500 jobs.

Unemployment rates for the remaining 10 large industrial states are:
Michigan - 7.4 percent; Florida - 6.2; Pennsylvannia - 6.1; California - 6.0;
Illinois - 5.9; Ohio - 5.9; Texas - 5.7; New York - 5.6; New Jersey - 5.5;
and North Carolina - 4.6 percent.

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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATES RISES TO 7.0 PERCENT;
U.S. TO 5.9 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER**

The Massachusetts unemployment rate rose to 7.0 percent in November, up from 6.3 last month, Employment and Training Commissioner James F. French announced today. The national unemployment rate rose to 5.9 percent, up from 5.7 percent in October.

"An increase of 20,000 unemployed significantly affected this month's unemployment rate," French said. "Of that total, however, only about half have actually lost jobs. The remaining appear to be re-entering the workforce in search of jobs to supplement family incomes."

Over the last year, the number of people unemployed increased over 50 percent -- from 140,000 to 219,000 this November. Currently, 112,000 people are collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

A loss of 110,000 jobs over the year reflect losses in all industry sectors including: manufacturing (-34,000); wholesale and retail trade (-30,500) and construction (-24,400)

The November national rate of 5.9 percent is the highest since October, 1987. Massachusetts was last at 7.0 percent in September 1983.

All eleven large industrial states posted unemployment rates over 5 percent in November. The rates for the remaining ten are: California - 6.7 percent; Florida - 6.3; Illinois - 6.0; Michigan - 7.7; New Jersey - 5.5; New York - 5.4; North Carolina - 5.1; Ohio - 5.5; Pennsylvania - 6.0; Texas - 7.0 percent.

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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES TO 7.4 PERCENT
IN DECEMBER; U.S. RATE UP TO 6.1 PERCENT**

Massachusetts posted a 7.4 percent unemployment rate in December, up from 7.0 last month, Deputy Commissioner Richard T. Sullivan announced today. The December national rate was 6.1 percent, up from 5.9 percent in November.

The annual average unemployment rate for Massachusetts rose to 6.0 percent for 1990, up from 4.0 percent in 1989. The national average also rose slightly, up from 5.3 percent in 1989 to 5.5 percent in 1990.

About 233,000 people are currently unemployed, an increase of 14,000 over November. In December, an estimated 113,000 people collected unemployment insurance benefits. In 1990, the average claimsload was also 113,000.

The state's yearly job loss was 125,000 from November 1989 to November 1990 with all sectors showing some losses. The sectors hardest hit include wholesale and retail trade (-38,000); manufacturing (-34,800) and construction (-26,400). Health services remain the only strong industry with an addition of 12,300 jobs from November 1989 to November 1990.

The Massachusetts annual demographic rates for 1990, in comparison to 1989, posted a significant jump in unemployment levels for whites, males and females but little change for minorities and teens. Rates for 1990 as compared to 1989: Males at 6.5 percent - up from 4.3 percent in 1989 ; Females at 5.4 - up from 3.6; White at 5.9 - up from 3.8; Blacks at 10.2 - up from 9.2; Hispanics at 8.3 - down from 8.5; and 16-19 year olds at 15.5 - up from 11.5 percent.



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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES TO
9.3 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY; U.S. UP TO 6.5 PERCENT**

Massachusetts posted a 9.3 percent unemployment rate in February, up from last month's rate of 8.6, Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today. The February national rate was 6.5 percent, up from 6.2 percent in January.

"The rise in the unemployment rate is a reflection of workers continuing to lose jobs and the unemployed taking longer to find jobs," Nordberg said, "In addition, the national recession is further dampening any chance of a quick economic recovery."

The labor force over the last month remained stable at 3,114,000. The number of unemployed rose 21,000 to a total of 289,000.

An estimated 150,000 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in February, a 21 percent increase over last February's total of 124,000.

The state's yearly job loss was estimated at 131,000 from January 1990 to January 1991. (See attached chart.)

The highest unemployment appears to be concentrated in the eleven large states with six having higher rates than the U.S. rate of 6.5 percent. The rates for all eleven large states are: Michigan: 9.8 percent; Massachusetts: 9.3; California: 7.4; Florida: 7.1; Ohio: 7.0; Pennsylvania: 6.7; New Jersey: 6.3; New York: 6.2; Illinois: 5.9; Texas: 5.5; and North Carolina: 5.3 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>January 1990</u>	<u>January 1991</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,978,400	2,847,600	-130,800	-4.4%
Manufacturing	535,200	501,600	-33,600	-6.3%
Durables	353,800	329,000	-24,800	-7.0%
Nondurables	181,400	172,600	-8,800	-4.9%
Construction	99,300	76,200	-23,100	-23.3%
Trans., Comm.	129,300	124,100	-5,200	-4.0%
Trade	708,900	666,400	-42,500	-6.0%
Wholesale	172,500	166,900	-5,600	-3.2%
Retail	536,400	499,500	-36,900	-6.9%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	214,500	210,200	-4,300	-2.0%
Services	890,300	882,200	-8,100	-0.9%
Government	399,600	385,700	-13,900	-3.5%
* High Tech Mfg.	220,600	204,700	-15,900	-7.2%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	94,600	89,600	-5,000	-5.3%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES TO
9.7 PERCENT IN MARCH; U.S. UP TO 6.8 PERCENT**

Massachusetts posted a 9.7 percent unemployment rate in March, up from last month's rate of 9.3, Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today. The March national rate was 6.8 percent, up from 6.5 percent in February.

"The state unemployment rate continues to mirror the national rate, with both climbing steadily over the last two months," Nordberg said.

With an increase in the labor force of 31,000, the number of employed reached 2,841,000 in March, an increase of 16,000 over February. The number of unemployed also increased by 15,000, totaling 304,000 for the month.

An estimated 153,000 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in March, an increase of 18 percent over last year's total of 130,000 claimants.

The state's yearly job loss was estimated at 136,000 from February 1990 to February 1991. (See chart on reverse side.) Four industry sectors (manufacturing, construction, trade and services) showed similar percentages of claimants filing for total unemployment.

All eleven of the large industrial states posted higher unemployment rates for March. The rates for the eleven large states are: Michigan: 10.7 percent; Massachusetts: 9.7; California: 7.7; Florida: 7.5; Pennsylvania: 7.4; Ohio: 7.3; New Jersey: 6.8; New York: 6.8; Illinois: 6.8; Texas: 6.6; and North Carolina: 5.6 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>February 1990</u>	<u>February 1991</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,978,200	2,842,200	-136,000	-4.6%
Manufacturing	530,700	496,500	-34,200	-6.4%
Durables	350,700	324,600	-26,100	-7.4%
Nondurables	180,000	171,900	-8,100	-4.5%
Construction	95,300	71,400	-23,900	-25.1%
Transportation/ Communications	129,700	123,000	-6,700	-5.2%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	692,700	652,600	-40,100	-5.8%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	214,400	210,200	-4,200	-2.0%
Services	910,000	897,000	-13,000	-1.4%
Government	404,100	390,400	-13,700	-3.4%
 * High Tech Mfg.	 218,500	 202,400	 -16,100	 -7.4%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	94,500	89,100	-5,400	-5.7%

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FALLS TO
8.3 PERCENT IN APRIL; U.S. DOWN TO 6.6 PERCENT

The Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 8.3 percent in April, down from 9.7 percent in March, Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today. The April national rate fell slightly to 6.6 percent, down from 6.8 percent in March.

The labor force in April totals 3,115,000, down from 3,145,000 in March, which is a drop of 30,000. The number of employed has risen from 2,841,000 in March to 2,855,000, a gain of 14,000 jobs. The number of unemployed has decreased to 260,000 from 304,000 in March, down 44,000.

"Of the 44,000 people who are no longer unemployed, one out of three have found employment, while the other two have dropped out of the labor force completely," Nordberg said.

An estimated 138,200 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in April, which is down from 153,000 in March of this year and an increase of 19 percent over last year's total of 116,500.

The state's yearly job loss was estimated at 147,000 from March 1990 to March 1991 with the trade sector continuing to show the sharpest decline. (See chart on reverse side.)

The rates for the eleven large states are: Michigan: 10.1 percent; Massachusetts: 8.3; New York: 7.5; California: 7.4; Ohio: 7.2; Pennsylvania: 7.1; Texas: 7.1; Florida: 6.8; New Jersey: 6.5; Illinois: 6.4; and North Carolina: 5.7 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
March 1990 - 1991
BLS 790

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>March 1990</u>	<u>March 1991</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,989,300	2,842,200	-147,100	-4.9%
Manufacturing	529,200	494,800	-34,400	-6.5%
Durables	349,400	323,700	-25,700	-7.4%
Nondurables	179,800	171,100	-8,700	-4.8%
Construction	95,700	71,000	-24,700	-25.8%
Transportation/ Communications	130,500	122,400	-8,100	-6.2%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	694,300	651,500	-42,800	-6.2%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	214,800	209,500	-5,300	-2.5%
Services	919,100	901,800	-17,300	-1.9%
Government	404,400	390,000	-14,400	-3.6%
 * High Tech Mfg.	 217,500	 201,700	 -15,800	 -7.3%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	94,600	88,800	-5,800	-6.1%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES TO
9.6 PERCENT IN MAY; U.S. UP TO 6.9 PERCENT

The Massachusetts unemployment rate rose to 9.6 percent in May, up from 8.3 percent in April, Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today. The national rate also increased, up from 6.6 percent in April to 6.9 percent in May.

The May labor force totaled 3,130,000, an increase of 15,000 from last month's total of 3,115,000. In addition, the number of unemployed increased 42,000 from last month, totaling 302,000 in May compared to 260,000 in April. The number of employed fell from 2,855,000 in April to 2,828,000, a decrease of 27,000.

"The increase of 15,000 to the labor force and 42,000 to the total unemployed indicates that many job seekers -- predominantly women -- are re-entering the job market with little success in finding employment." Nordberg said.

Slightly more than 125,000 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in May, down from 138,200 in April. In addition to the 125,000 collecting regular benefits, approximately 30,000 people collected extended benefits in May.

The state's estimated yearly job loss was 148,600 from April 1990 to April 1991. (See chart on reverse side.) The numbers of people filing for total unemployment were similarly distributed among the trade, manufacturing, construction and service sectors.

The rates for the eleven large states were: Michigan and Massachusetts: 9.6 percent; Pennsylvania and California: 7.7; Florida: 7.5; New York: 7.4; New Jersey: 6.8; North Carolina: 6.7; Texas: 6.4; Illinois: 6.0; and Ohio: 5.6 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
 April 1990 - 1991
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>April 1991</u>	<u>April 1990</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,842,300	2,990,900	-148,600	-5.0%
Manufacturing	490,400	525,200	-34,800	-6.6%
Durables	321,400	347,000	-25,600	-7.4%
Nondurables	169,000	178,200	-9,200	-5.2%
Construction	74,200	99,600	-25,400	-25.5%
Transportation/ Communications	122,500	130,600	-8,100	-6.2%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	651,300	692,300	-41,000	-5.9%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	208,400	214,800	-6,400	-3.0%
Services	905,900	922,900	-17,000	-1.8%
Government	388,300	404,100	-15,800	-3.9%
 * High Tech Mfg.	 200,000	 215,400	 -15,400	 -7.1%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	88,300	94,200	-5,900	-6.3%

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO
9.5 PERCENT IN JUNE; U.S. HITS 7.0 PERCENT

The Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 9.5 percent in June, down from 9.6 percent in May, Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today. The national rate rose for the first time in five years to 7.0 percent in June, up from 6.9 percent in May.

"With the nation's rate continuing to rise and the state's six-month average rate at 9.2 percent, it appears that we may be leveling off," Nordberg said.

Slightly more than 120,000 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in June, up from 103,000 a year ago. In addition to those collecting regular benefits, approximately 26,000 claimants collected extended benefits in June, with an estimated 50,000 collecting over the entire 13-week program.

The rates for the eleven large states were: Massachusetts - 9.5 percent; Michigan - 9.1; California - 8.2; New York - 7.7; Florida - 7.5; Illinois - 7.3; Pennsylvania - 6.7; New Jersey - 6.6; Ohio - 6.4; North Carolina - 6.2; and Texas - 5.6 percent.

In addition to the state's jobless rate, demographic unemployment rates for the second quarter of 1991 were also released today. The majority of these seasonally unadjusted figures declined considerably with only the female rate rising slightly: State - 9.0 percent; Male - 9.8; Female - 8.2; White - 8.8; Black 16.4; Hispanic - 14.7; and 16 - 19 - 15.5 percent.

Despite a gain of 7,700 jobs over the month, the state's yearly job loss was estimated at 157,500 from May 1990 to May 1991.

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
May 1990 and May 1991
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>May 1991</u>	<u>May 1990</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,851,000	3,008,500	-157,500	-5.2%
Manufacturing	489,900	523,000	-33,100	-6.3%
Durables	320,500	344,700	-24,200	-7.0%
Nondurables	169,400	178,300	-8,900	-5.0%
Construction	76,900	102,900	-26,000	-25.3%
Transportation/ Communications	123,200	131,000	-7,800	-6.0%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	655,800	699,600	-43,800	-6.3%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	207,600	215,600	-8,000	-3.7%
Services	907,000	923,500	-16,500	-1.8%
Government	389,100	411,400	-22,300	-5.4%
* High Tech Mfg.	199,200	214,100	-14,900	-7.0%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	88,200	92,800	-4,600	-5.0%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- JUNE 1990 - JUNE 1991
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

MONTH	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE
1990				
June	3170	2986	184	5.8
July	3159	2967	192	6.1
August	3175	2966	209	6.6
September	3167	2966	201	6.3
October	3140	2937	203	6.5
November	3146	2926	220	7.0
December	3152	2921	231	7.3
1991				
January	3114	2846	268	8.6
February	3114	2825	289	9.3
March	3145	2841	304	9.7
April	3115	2855	260	8.3
May	3130	2828	302	9.6
June	3105	2810	295	9.5

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO
9.1 PERCENT IN JULY; U.S. AT 6.8 PERCENT

The Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 9.1 percent in July, down from 9.5 percent in June, Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today. The national rate also dropped, down from 7.0 percent in June to 6.8 percent in July.

"July's unemployment rate is slightly below the seven-month average of 9.2 percent," Nordberg said. "We saw fewer layoffs last month than in June, perhaps the beginning of a long, slow recovery.

An estimated 136,000 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in July, a 16 percent increase over the 117,000 who collected benefits one year ago.

The rates for the eleven large states were: Massachusetts - 9.1 percent; Michigan - 8.3; Florida - 7.8; California - 7.6; New York - 7.1; Pennsylvania - 7.0; Ohio - 6.9; Texas and Illinois - 6.7; New Jersey - 6.3; and North Carolina - 6.2 percent.

Despite a gain of 6,500 jobs over the month, the state's yearly job loss was estimated at 175,400 from June 1990 to June 1991.

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June 1990 and June 1991
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>June 1991</u>	<u>June 1990</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,854,800	3,030,200	-175,400	-5.8%
Manufacturing	490,200	525,200	-35,000	-6.7%
Durables	320,000	345,000	-25,000	-7.2%
Nondurables	170,200	180,200	-10,000	-5.5%
Construction	76,500	106,500	-30,000	-28.2%
Transportation/ Communications	124,700	131,200	-6,500	-5.0%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	659,900	713,700	-53,800	-7.5%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	208,500	217,100	-8,600	-4.0%
Services	906,400	927,800	-21,400	-2.3%
Government	387,000	407,200	-20,200	-5.0%
* High Tech Mfg.	198,100	214,100	-16,000	-7.5%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	89,100	93,600	-4,600	-4.9%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- JULY 1990 - JULY 1991
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1990				
July	3159	2967	192	6.1
August	3175	2966	209	6.6
September	3167	2966	201	6.3
October	3140	2937	203	6.5
November	3146	2926	220	7.0
December	3152	2921	231	7.3
1991				
January	3114	2846	268	8.6
February	3114	2825	289	9.3
March	3145	2841	304	9.7
April	3115	2855	260	8.3
May	3130	2828	302	9.6
June	3105	2810	295	9.5
July	3099	2818	281	9.1

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MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES TO
9.2 PERCENT IN AUGUST; U.S. STAYS AT 6.8 PERCENT

The Massachusetts unemployment rate rose slightly to 9.2 percent in August, up from 9.1 percent in July, Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today. The national rate, however, remained at July's level of 6.8 percent.

"Our unemployment rate seems to be leveling off, with August's rate equaling the state's eight-month average of 9.2 percent," Nordberg said.

Massachusetts posted the highest rate of the eleven large states. The rates for the remaining ten include: Michigan - 9.1 percent; Florida - 8.1; New York - 7.5; California - 7.3; Pennsylvania - 7.3; Illinois - 7.2; Ohio - 6.8; New Jersey - 6.7; Texas - 6.5; and North Carolina - 5.9 percent.

The estimated 118,000 people who collected unemployment insurance benefits in August represents a 13 percent increase over last year's 105,000, the lowest percentage increase of benefit recipients since January, 1991.

The state's yearly job loss was estimated at 157,600 from July 1990 to July 1991 with the job loss in both the construction and wholesale/retail trade sectors showing some signs of stabilizing.

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>July 1991</u>	<u>July 1990</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,806,800	2,964,400	-157,600	-5.3%
Manufacturing	479,400	514,700	-35,300	-6.9%
Durables	313,300	339,800	-26,500	-7.8%
Nondurables	166,100	174,900	- 8,800	-5.0%
Construction	78,000	105,500	-27,500	-26.1%
Transportation/ Communications	120,300	126,400	-6,100	-4.8%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	657,800	702,000	-44,200	-6.3%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	208,000	217,000	-9,000	-4.1%
Services	902,100	919,800	-17,700	-1.9%
Government	359,700	377,500	-17,800	-4.7%
* High Tech Mfg.	195,600	210,100	-14,500	-6.9%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	87,800	92,700	-4,900	-5.3%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- JULY 1990 - JULY 1991
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

MONTH	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE
1990				
August	3175	2966	209	6.6
September	3167	2966	201	6.3
October	3140	2937	203	6.5
November	3146	2926	220	7.0
December	3152	2921	231	7.3
1991				
January	3114	2846	268	8.6
February	3114	2825	289	9.3
March	3145	2841	304	9.7
April	3115	2855	260	8.3
May	3130	2828	302	9.6
June	3105	2810	295	9.5
July	3099	2818	281	9.1
August	3047	2768	279	9.2

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS STEADY AT
9.2 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER; U.S. DROPS TO 6.7 PERCENT**

Massachusetts' unemployment rate remained steady in September at 9.2 percent, Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today. The national rate dropped slightly to 6.7 percent, down from 6.8 percent in August.

"The number of unemployed in Massachusetts, although still high, has been relatively stable for the last few months," Nordberg said. "This month, we saw a slight increase in the number of new entrants and re-entrants into the labor force."

An estimated 103,500 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in September, a 12 percent increase over last year's total of 92,700.

The rates for the eleven large states were: Michigan - 9.7 percent; Massachusetts - 9.2; Florida - 8.0; California - 7.7; Illinois - 7.1; New York and Pennsylvania - 6.8; Texas - 6.6; Ohio - 6.4; New Jersey - 6.2; and North Carolina - 5.9 percent.

Quarterly demographic rates were also released today. (See reverse side.)

The state's job loss was estimated at 152,900 from August 1990 to August 1991. (See chart.) Despite a total monthly job loss of 5,900, business services continued to show growth, adding 1,900 jobs.

In addition to unemployment information, Nordberg also announced today that the current \$282 maximum weekly wage now paid to eligible people collecting unemployment insurance compensation will be raised to \$296. The rate is calculated annually to equal 57.5 percent of the state's average weekly wage. This past year, the average weekly wage was \$515.52. All claimants filing unemployment insurance claims beginning Monday, October 7 may be eligible to receive this new rate.

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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>August 1991</u>	<u>August 1990</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,798,300	2,951,200	-152,900	-5.2%
Manufacturing	482,400	516,300	-33,900	-6.6%
Durables	313,700	338,800	-25,100	-7.4%
Nondurables	168,700	177,500	- 8,800	-5.0%
Construction	78,400	103,570	-25,300	-24.4%
Transportation/ Communications	120,500	125,700	-5,200	-4.1%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	649,000	699,000	-50,000	-7.2%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	207,300	216,300	-9,000	-4.2%
Services	901,200	919,200	-18,000	-2.0%
Government	357,900	369,500	-11,600	-3.1%
* High Tech Mfg.	193,800	209,500	-15,700	-7.5%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	87,300	92,400	-5,100	-5.5%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- SEPTEMBER 1990 - SEPTEMBER 1991				
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's				
MONTH	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE
1990				
September	3167	2966	201	6.3
October	3140	2937	203	6.5
November	3146	2926	220	7.0
December	3152	2921	231	7.3
1991				
January	3114	2846	268	8.6
February	3114	2825	289	9.3
March	3145	2841	304	9.7
April	3115	2855	260	8.3
May	3130	2828	302	9.6
June	3105	2810	295	9.5
July	3099	2818	281	9.1
August	3047	2768	279	9.2
September	3141	2853	288	9.2

QUARTERLY DEMOGRAPHICS - Third Quarter - 1991
Seasonally unadjusted

Total	9.1		
Male	10.0	Female	8.0
White	8.8	Black	16.1
Hispanic	16.6	16 - 19	19.0

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO
8.9 PERCENT IN OCTOBER; U.S. RISES TO 6.8 PERCENT**

Massachusetts posted an unemployment rate of 8.9 percent in October, down slightly from September's rate of 9.2 percent, Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today. The national rate rose from September's rate of 6.7 percent to 6.8 percent.

"With the number of people working increasing for the past two months, it appears that we may have reached a plateau," Nordberg said. "Unemployment, however, is still high."

An estimated 97,600 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in October, 5,900 less than in September, but 3,300 more claimants than in October of 1990. Initial claims were down for the eleventh consecutive week at 8,900.

The rates for the eleven large states were: Massachusetts - 8.9 percent; Michigan - 8.8; Texas - 7.9; California - 7.8; Illinois - 7.7; Florida and New York - 7.2; New Jersey - 6.8; Pennsylvania - 6.5; Ohio - 5.5; and North Carolina - 5.3 percent.

The state's job loss was estimated at 152,000 from September 1990 to September 1991, down slightly from last month's yearly loss of 155,700 jobs. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>September 1991</u>	<u>September 1990</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,805,400	2,957,400	-152,000	-5.1%
Manufacturing	482,400	515,300	-32,900	-6.4%
Durables	313,600	337,700	-24,100	-7.1%
Nondurables	168,800	177,600	- 8,800	-5.0%
Construction	77,600	101,500	-23,900	-23.5%
Transportation/ Communications	124,000	129,200	- 5,200	-4.0%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	649,300	701,600	-52,300	-7.5%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	205,700	213,400	-7,700	-3.6%
Services	896,700	914,400	-17,700	-1.9%
Government	368,100	380,500	-12,400	-3.3%
* High Tech Mfg.	193,400	208,300	-14,900	-7.2%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	86,100	91,000	-4,900	-5.4%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- OCTOBER 1990 - OCTOBER 1991
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

MONTH	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE
1990				
October	3140	2937	203	6.5
November	3146	2926	220	7.0
December	3152	2921	231	7.3
1991				
January	3114	2846	268	8.6
February	3114	2825	289	9.3
March	3145	2841	304	9.7
April	3115	2855	260	8.3
May	3130	2828	302	9.6
June	3105	2810	295	9.5
July	3099	2818	281	9.1
August	3047	2768	279	9.2
September	3141	2853	288	9.2
October	3155	2875	280	8.9

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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 8.5 PERCENT
IN NOVEMBER; U.S. REMAINS STEADY AT 6.8 PERCENT**

The Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped from 8.9 percent in October to 8.5 percent in November, Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today. The national rate remained steady in November at 6.8 percent.

"With the unemployment rate dropping over the last three months and more people finding jobs over the same period, we are optimistic," Nordberg said. "However, we will be watching closely over the next few months to see where the national economy is heading and what impact this will have here in Massachusetts."

An estimated 103,800 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in November, up three percent from the 101,000 people collecting in November 1990.

The rates for the eleven large states were: Michigan - 9.7 percent; Illinois and Massachusetts - 8.5; New York - 8.0; California - 7.4; New Jersey and Florida - 7.1; Texas - 6.6; Pennsylvania - 6.5; Ohio - 5.6; and North Carolina - 5.5 percent.

The state's job loss was estimated at 151,200 from October 1990 to October 1991, down slightly from last month's yearly loss of 152,900 jobs. Over the month, the state gained 11,700 jobs. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>October 1991</u>	<u>October 1990</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,816,200	2,967,400	-151,200	-5.1%
Manufacturing	480,400	512,900	-32,500	-6.3%
Durables	311,000	335,800	-24,800	-7.4%
Nondurables	169,400	177,100	- 7,700	-4.3%
Construction	73,800	98,900	-25,100	-25.4%
Transportation/ Communications	122,400	128,900	- 6,500	-5.0%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	647,500	697,800	-50,300	-7.2%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	205,000	212,200	-7,200	-3.4%
Services	907,800	926,500	-18,700	-2.0%
Government	377,700	388,800	-11,100	-2.9%
* High Tech Mfg.	191,500	206,700	-15,200	-7.4%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	85,500	90,400	-4,900	-5.4%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- NOVEMBER 1990 - NOVEMBER 1991
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

MONTH	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE
1990				
November	3146	2926	220	7.0
December	3152	2921	231	7.3
1991				
January	3114	2846	268	8.6
February	3114	2825	289	9.3
March	3145	2841	304	9.7
April	3115	2855	260	8.3
May	3130	2828	302	9.6
June	3105	2810	295	9.5
July	3099	2818	281	9.1
August	3047	2768	279	9.2
September	3141	2853	288	9.2
October	3155	2875	280	8.9
November	3164	2894	270	8.5

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 7.9
PERCENT IN DECEMBER; U.S. AT 7.1 PERCENT**

The Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 7.9 percent in January, down from a revised rate of 8.7 percent in December, Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today. The national rate remained steady over the month at 7.1 percent.

"We are continuing to see positive trends in the Massachusetts economy," Nordberg said, "namely, an unemployment rate at its lowest level in thirteen months and 30,000 more people working over the year."

Nordberg added that Massachusetts' unemployment rate has also dropped considerably in its ranking among the eleven large states -- from the highest at the beginning of the 1991, to the sixth lowest in January 1992. The states' rates over the month were: Michigan - 8.9 percent; Florida - 8.7; New York - 8.4; Illinois - 8.2; California - 8.1; Massachusetts - 7.9; Texas - 7.8; Pennsylvania - 7.1; New Jersey - 6.8; Ohio - 6.7; and North Carolina - 5.7 percent.

The state's yearly job loss was estimated at 138,300 from December 1990 to December 1991. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Preliminary Estimates for December 1990 and December 1991
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>December 1991</u>	<u>December 1990</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,814,700	2,953,000	-138,300	-4.7%
Manufacturing	476,300	506,700	-30,400	-6.0%
Durables	307,600	331,600	-24,000	-7.2%
Nondurables	168,700	175,100	- 6,400	-3.7%
Construction	68,500	89,500	-21,000	-23.5%
Transportation/ Communications	122,800	123,000	- 3,900	-3.1%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	659,000	707,500	-48,500	-6.9%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	204,800	212,300	-7,500	-3.5%
Services	899,900	917,300	-17,400	-1.9%
Government	381,900	391,700	- 9,800	-2.5%
* High Tech Mfg.	189,100	205,500	-16,400	-8.0%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	85,200	89,800	-4,600	-5.1%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- JANUARY 1991 - JANUARY 1992
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

MONTH	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
January	3117	2854	263	8.4
February	3117	2839	278	8.9
March	3142	2847	295	9.4
April	3113	2853	260	8.4
May	3126	2833	293	9.4
June	3114	2824	290	9.3
July	3108	2827	281	9.0
August	3072	2789	283	9.2
September	3139	2851	288	9.2
October	3150	2867	283	9.0
November	3157	2880	277	8.8
December	3164	2889	275	8.7
1992				
January	3131	2884	247	7.9

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 7.5
PERCENT IN FEBRUARY; U.S. CLIMBS TO 7.3 PERCENT**

The Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped from 7.9 percent in January to 7.5 percent in February, the lowest unemployment rate since November 1990, Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today. The national rate rose to 7.3 percent in February.

"For the past six months, we have consistently seen the number of people filing claims decline," Nordberg said, "indicating the return of some job stability and some job creation across the state."

Nordberg added that 128,700 people collected benefits during the past month, down one percent from 130,600 claimants in January and down 14 percent from 150,400 claimants in February, 1991.

Massachusetts' unemployment rate dropped to the fourth lowest of the eleven large states in February. The other states' rates were: Michigan - 9.0 percent; New York - 8.9; California - 8.7; Florida - 8.6; Illinois - 8.5; Pennsylvania and New Jersey - 7.6; Texas - 7.3; Ohio - 7.2; and North Carolina - 6.2 percent.

The state's yearly job loss was estimated at 71,000 from January of 1991 to January of 1992, down considerably from December's yearly job loss of 124,300. Over the year, the service sector grew by 8,400 jobs, the first such increase since March, 1990. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Preliminary Estimates for January 1991 and January 1992
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>January 1992</u>	<u>January 1991</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,740,000	2,811,000	-71,000	-2.5%
Manufacturing	470,700	496,900	-26,200	-5.3%
Durables	303,700	327,000	-23,300	-7.1%
Nondurables	167,000	169,900	-2,900	-1.7%
Construction	64,600	76,100	-11,500	-15.1%
Transportation/ Communications	122,100	125,500	-3,400	-2.7%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	629,800	650,600	-20,800	-3.2
Fin., Ins., R.E.	200,100	205,900	-5,800	-2.8%
Services	874,000	865,600	8,400	1.0%
Government	377,600	389,300	-11,700	-3.0%
* High Tech Mfg.	189,200	205,500	-16,300	-7.9%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	87,100	90,200	-3,100	-3.4%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- FEBRUARY 1991 - FEBRUARY 1992
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

MONTH	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
February	3117	2839	278	8.9
March	3142	2847	295	9.4
April	3113	2853	260	8.4
May	3126	2833	293	9.4
June	3114	2824	290	9.3
July	3108	2827	281	9.0
August	3072	2789	283	9.2
September	3139	2851	288	9.2
October	3150	2867	283	9.0
November	3157	2880	277	8.8
December	3164	2889	275	8.7
1992				
January	3131	2884	247	7.9
February	3130	2895	234	7.5

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES TO 9.1
PERCENT IN MARCH; U.S. REMAINS AT 7.3 PERCENT**

The Massachusetts unemployment rate rose from 7.5 percent in February to 9.1 percent in March, Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today. The national rate remained steady at 7.3 percent in March.

Despite the sharp rise in the monthly rate, the average state unemployment rate for the first quarter of 1992 was 8.2 percent, down from both the fourth quarter 1991 average of 8.8 percent and the first quarter 1991 average of 8.9 percent.

"This one-month rise in the unemployment rate is not an indicator that the improvement we have seen over the last five months is over," Nordberg said. "The three-month average of 8.2 percent is a better indicator that our economy is still moving in the right direction."

Nordberg also added that the number of people filing initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits continues to decline. For the week ending March 28, initial claims was 8,568 -- below last year's 9,510 and similar to two years ago, when initial claims totaled 8,340.

The unemployment rates for the remaining ten large states in March were: Michigan - 9.3 percent; Florida - 8.6; California - 8.5; New York - 8.0; Illinois - 7.8; Texas - 7.6; Pennsylvania and Ohio - 7.2; New Jersey - 7.1; and North Carolina - 6.3 percent.

Quarterly demographic rates and yearly job estimates were also released today.
(See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Preliminary Estimates for February 1991 and February 1992
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<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>February 1992</u>	<u>February 1991</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,741,000	2,797,300	-56,300	-2.0%
Manufacturing	466,700	492,300	-25,600	-5.2%
Durables	300,800	323,600	-22,800	-7.0%
Nondurables	165,900	168,700	-2,800	-1.7%
Construction	61,500	71,600	-10,100	-14.1%
Transportation/ Communications	121,300	124,500	-3,200	-2.6%
Wholesale/Retail Trade	623,600	635,900	-12,300	-1.9%
Fin., Ins., R.E.	199,000	205,000	-6,000	-2.9%
Services	885,500	873,400	12,100	1.4%
Government	382,500	393,600	-11,100	-2.8%
* High Tech Mfg.	187,900	204,000	-16,100	-7.9%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	87,000	89,900	-2,900	-3.2%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- MARCH 1991 - MARCH 1992

Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
March	3142	2847	295	9.4
April	3113	2853	260	8.4
May	3126	2833	293	9.4
June	3114	2824	290	9.3
July	3108	2827	281	9.0
August	3072	2789	283	9.2
September	3139	2851	288	9.2
October	3150	2867	283	9.0
November	3157	2880	277	8.8
December	3164	2889	275	8.7
1992				
January	3131	2884	247	7.9
February	3130	2895	234	7.5
March	3143	2857	287	9.1

QUARTERLY DEMOGRAPHICS

First Quarter - 1992 & First Quarter 1991 -- Seasonally unadjusted
First Quarter 1992 First Quarter 1991

Total	9.0		Total	9.7	
Male	10.9	Female 6.9	Male	11.5	Female 7.7
White	8.6	Black 16.6	White	9.5	Black 19.3
Hispanic	20.0	16-19 20.8	Hispanic	20.5	16-19 23.5

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 8.6
PERCENT IN APRIL; U.S. AT 7.2 PERCENT

The Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped from 9.1 percent in March to 8.6 percent in April, Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today. The national rate also dropped from 7.3 percent to 7.2 percent.

"This drop in the rate is an encouraging adjustment to last month's sharp increase," Nordberg said. "However, we continue to focus on the downward trend of the moving, three-month average unemployment rate (February - April), shifting from 8.9 percent in 1991 to 8.4 percent this year."

Nordberg added that the number of people filing unemployment insurance benefit claims dropped to 108,700 in April -- down 14 percent over the month, from 126,500 claimants in March -- and 21 percent over the year, from 138,200 claimants in April 1991. In addition, 78,000 people are currently collecting federal unemployment insurance benefits.

The unemployment rates for the remaining ten large states in April were: Michigan - 9.4 percent; Florida - 8.3; California - 8.0; Pennsylvania - 7.9; Illinois - 7.9; New Jersey - 7.8; New York - 7.6; Texas - 7.4; Ohio - 6.9; and North Carolina - 5.4 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of March were also released last week, showing a seasonally-adjusted job loss of 53,400 jobs. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS -- BLS 790
Preliminary Estimates for March 1991 and March 1992
Seasonally Adjusted

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Net</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Change</u>
Nonagricultural	2,782,100	2,835,500	-53,400	-1.9%
Manufacturing	469,300	492,900	-23,600	-4.8%
Construction	72,300	81,600	-9,300	-11.4%
Transportation/ Communications	123,700	125,500	-1,800	-1.4%
Trade	640,800	655,600	-14,800	-2.3%
Wholesale	155,000	161,100	-6,100	-3.8
Retail	485,800	494,500	-8,700	-1.8
Fin., Ins., R.E.	199,100	206,000	-6,900	-3.3%
Services	895,700	884,900	10,800	1.2%
Government	380,100	387,800	-7,700	-2.0%
* High Tech Mfg.	187,900	203,400	-15,500	-7.6%
* High Tech Nonmfg.	86,500	89,800	-3,300	-3.7%

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- APRIL 1991 - APRIL 1992
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
April	3113	2853	260	8.4
May	3126	2833	293	9.4
June	3114	2924	290	9.3
July	3108	2827	281	9.0
August	3072	2789	283	9.2
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SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 8.3 PERCENT
IN MAY; U.S. UP TO 7.5 PERCENT

Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 8.3 percent in May -- down from 8.6 percent in April and down over a percentage point from last May's rate of 9.4 percent. The national rate rose over the month, from 7.2 percent in April to 7.5 percent in May.

"In addition to a lower unemployment rate, 39,000 more people are working this month than last month, Nordberg said.

Nordberg added that evidence of a positive trend can be seen in the 8.3 percent average unemployment rate for the first five months of 1992, down from 8.9 percent in 1991.

The number of people receiving benefits dropped to 98,400 in May, down 21 percent from 125,200 in May 1991. The number collecting federal emergency unemployment compensation also dropped to 74,000 in May, down from 80,000 in April.

The Massachusetts unemployment rate ranked fourth highest among the eleven large states this month. The rates for the remaining ten states in May were: New Jersey - 9.0 percent; California - 8.7; Michigan - 8.6; Illinois - 8.0; Florida and New York - 7.9; Pennsylvania 7.8; Texas - 7.5; Ohio - 7.3; and North Carolina - 5.7 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of April were also released last week, showing a seasonally-adjusted job gain of 1,300 jobs over the month and a loss of 47,800 jobs over the year. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS -- BLS 790
Preliminary Estimates for April 1992, March 1992 and April 1991
Seasonally Adjusted

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,784,100	2,782,800	2,831,900	1,300	-47,800
Construction	72,500	73,500	79,700	-1,000	-7,200
Manufacturing	469,000	468,500	490,700	500	-21,700
Transportation, Utilities	123,500	123,200	125,000	300	-1,500
Trade	642,800	641,200	654,100	1,600	-11,300
Wholesale	155,500	155,200	160,500	300	-5,000
Retail	487,300	486,000	493,600	1,300	-6,300
Finance, Ins., R.E.	199,000	199,100	205,600	-100	-6,600
Services	898,900	896,400	889,500	2,500	9,400
Government	377,200	379,800	386,200	-2,600	-9,000
*High Tech Mfg.	186,500	187,700	201,600	-1,200	-15,100
*High Tech Nonmfg.	86,100	86,500	88,100	-400	-2,000

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- MAY 1991 - MAY 1992
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
May	3126	2833	293	9.4
June	3114	2824	290	9.3
July	3108	2827	281	9.0
August	3072	2789	283	9.2
September	3139	2851	288	9.2
October	3150	2867	283	9.0
November	3157	2880	277	8.8
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January	3131	2884	247	7.9
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March	3143	2857	287	9.1
April	3090	2825	265	8.6
May	3123	2864	259	8.3

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASES TO 8.8 PERCENT
IN JUNE; U.S. UP TO 7.8 PERCENT**

Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate rose to 8.8 percent in June -- up from 8.3 percent in May. The national rate also increased over the month from 7.5 percent in May to 7.8 percent in June -- the highest level in eight years.

"Despite this increase in the unemployment rate, we are seeing some positive indicators behind this monthly percentage," Nordberg said. "More people are re-entering the labor force -- up 35,000 over the year -- and more people are working -- a 46,000 increase over 1991 totals."

Nordberg added that the six month average unemployment rate of 8.4 percent in 1992 is also down over last year's 9.0 percent average.

The number of people receiving benefits dropped to 93,200 in June, down 22 percent from 120,100 in June 1991. The number collecting federal emergency unemployment compensation also dropped to 67,000 in June, down from 74,000 in May.

Massachusetts was one of two states ranking fourth highest among the eleven large states this month. The June rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 9.5 percent; New York - 9.2; New Jersey - 9.2; Michigan - 8.8; Illinois - 8.6; Florida - 8.5; Texas - 8.2; Pennsylvania and Ohio - 7.6; and North Carolina - 6.5 percent.

Demographic rates were also released today for the second quarter of 1992 and yearly job estimates for the month of May were released this week. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS -- BLS 790

Preliminary Estimates for May 1992, April 1992 and May 1991

Seasonally Adjusted

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>May 1992</u>	<u>April 1992</u>	<u>May 1991</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,774,000	2,784,700	2,827,300	-10,700	-53,300
Construction	72,300	72,100	80,300	200	-8,000
Manufacturing	466,300	468,600	488,300	-2,300	-22,000
Transportation, Utilities	122,700	123,500	124,700	-800	-2,000
Trade	636,700	642,800	652,300	-6,100	-15,600
Wholesale	155,400	155,400	159,600	0	-5,900
Retail	481,300	487,400	492,700	-6,100	-11,400
Finance, Ins., R.E.	198,600	198,600	204,500	0	-5,900
Services	900,300	900,200	890,100	100	10,200
Government	375,900	377,700	385,800	-1,800	-9,900
*High Tech Mfg.	185,400	186,500	200,800	-1,100	-15,400
*High Tech Nonmfg.	85,800	86,100	87,700	-300	-1,900

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- JUNE 1991 - JUNE 1992

Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
June	3114	2824	290	9.3
July	3108	2827	281	9.0
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May	3123	2864	259	8.3
June	3149	2870	279	8.8

QUARTERLY DEMOGRAPHICS

Second Quarter - 1992 & Second Quarter 1991 -- Seasonally unadjusted

<u>Second Quarter 1992</u>				<u>Second Quarter 1991</u>			
Total	8.6			Total	9.0		
Male	9.8	Female	7.3	Male	9.8	Female	8.2
White	8.0	Black	23.0	White	8.8	Black	16.4
Hispanic	16.5	16-19	22.1	Hispanic	14.7	16-19	15.5

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 8.3 PERCENT
IN JULY; U.S. AT 7.7 PERCENT**

Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 8.3 percent in July, down from the June rate of 8.8 percent. The national rate also dropped slightly from 7.8 percent in June to 7.7 percent in July.

The collected seven-month average unemployment rate for the state remained steady at 8.4 percent, down from the 9.0 percent collected average in 1991.

"People are looking for jobs and finding them," Nordberg said. "Over the year, the labor force has grown by 42,000 and the number of employed by 61,000 -- positive signs that the state's economy is stabilizing."

Nordberg added that 98,300 people collected unemployment benefits in June, down 23 percent from 126,900 people collecting last July.

Massachusetts ranked fifth lowest among the eleven large states this month. The July rates for the remaining ten states were: New Jersey - 9.8 percent; New York and Michigan - 9.4; California - 8.9; Florida - 8.6; Illinois - 8.4; Pennsylvania - 7.7; Ohio - 7.4; Texas - 7.2; and North Carolina - 6.3 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of June were also released last week. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
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PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR JUNE 1992, MAY 1992 and JUNE 1991
Seasonally Adjusted

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,754,600	2,771,500	2,819,300	-16,900	-64,700
Construction	70,500	71,900	79,700	-1,400	-9,200
Manufacturing	461,000	466,700	485,100	-5,700	-24,100
Transportation, Utilities	121,900	122,800	124,100	-900	-2,200
Trade	631,000	636,300	650,200	-5,300	-19,200
Wholesale	153,900	155,300	158,300	-1,400	-4,400
Retail	477,100	481,000	491,900	-3,900	-14,800
Finance, Ins., R.E.	198,300	198,400	203,400	-100	-5,100
Services	896,900	898,100	889,800	-1,200	7,100
Government	373,800	376,100	385,800	-2,300	-12,000
*High Tech Mfg.	182,100	185,400	200,600	-3,300	-18,500
*High Tech Nonmfg.	87,100	85,800	90,000	1,300	-2,900

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- JULY 1991 - JULY 1992
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
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June	3149	2870	279	8.8
July	3150	2888	261	8.3

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINS AT 8.3 PERCENT
IN AUGUST; U.S. DROPS TO 7.6 PERCENT**

Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate remained steady at 8.3 percent in August. The national rate dropped slightly to 7.6 percent in August from 7.7 percent in July.

The collected eight-month average unemployment rate also stayed at 8.4 percent in August, down from the 9.0 percent collected average in 1991.

"There are 70,000 more people working this August than last year," Nordberg said. "We are still, however, looking for a strong sign of improvement."

Nordberg added that 92,500 people collected unemployment benefits in August, down 22 percent from the 118,300 collecting last August. In addition, 51,000 people collected federal emergency unemployment compensation during the month.

Massachusetts ranked sixth lowest among the eleven large states in August. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 9.8 percent; New Jersey - 9.4; Michigan - 9.0; Florida - 8.8; New York - 8.5; Pennsylvania - 8.2; Ohio - 7.6; Texas - 6.9; Illinois - 6.5; and North Carolina - 6.2 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of July were also released this week. (See reverse side.)

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PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR JULY 1992, JUNE 1992 and JULY 1991
Seasonally Adjusted

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>July 1992</u>	<u>June 1992</u>	<u>July 1991</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,752,600	2,756,400	2,810,500	-3,800	-57,900
Construction	70,300	70,900	79,400	-600	-9,100
Manufacturing	459,300	461,000	481,200	-1,700	-21,900
Transportation, Utilities	123,200	122,000	123,400	1,200	-200
Trade	630,100	631,300	646,200	-1,200	-16,100
Wholesale	153,400	153,900	157,800	-500	-4,400
Retail	476,700	477,400	488,400	-700	-11,700
Finance, Ins., R.E.	197,000	198,000	202,800	-1,000	-5,800
Services	900,400	897,300	896,100	3,100	4,300
Government	371,100	374,700	380,200	-3,600	-9,100
*High Tech Mfg.	179,100	182,200	197,100	-3,100	-18,000
*High Tech Nonmfg.	87,100	87,100	89,300	0	-2,200

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- AUGUST 1991 - AUGUST 1992
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
August	3072	2789	283	9.2
September	3139	2851	288	9.2
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May	3123	2864	259	8.3
June	3149	2870	279	8.8
July	3150	2888	261	8.3
August	3119	2859	260	8.3

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE PERCENT DROPS TO 8.4
PERCENT IN OCTOBER; U.S. DOWN TO 7.4 PERCENT**

Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate was 8.4 percent in October, down from 8.6 in September. The national rate dropped to 7.4 percent in October from September's 7.5.

"In spite of layoffs in some large companies, there still appears to be hiring activity in small to medium size companies, absorbing many unemployed workers."

Nordberg said.

Nordberg added that an estimated 71,000 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in October, a 14 percent decrease from last month's 83,000 total and a 27 percent decrease from the 97,600 people collecting in October 1991. In addition to regular benefits, an estimated 55,000 unemployed collected emergency unemployment compensation in October.

Massachusetts ranked fourth highest among the eleven large states in October. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 9.8 percent; New York - 8.7; Michigan - 8.6; New Jersey - 8.1; Florida, Pennsylvania and Texas - 7.4; Ohio - 7.2; and North Carolina and Illinois - 5.5 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of September were also released last week.

(See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
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PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR SEPTEMBER 1992, AUGUST 1992 and SEPTEMBER 1991
Seasonally Adjusted

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>September 1992</u>	<u>August 1992</u>	<u>September 1991</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,734,700	2,740,600	2,793,100	-5,900	-58,400
Construction	71,400	70,100	77,700	1,300	-6,300
Manufacturing	455,900	455,900	477,500	0	-21,600
Transportation, Utilities	120,100	121,200	123,100	-1,100	-3,000
Trade	625,800	626,800	642,600	-1,000	-16,800
Wholesale	151,900	151,800	155,500	100	-3,600
Retail	473,900	475,000	487,100	-1,100	-13,200
Finance, Ins., R.E.	195,800	196,400	201,400	-600	-5,600
Services	893,300	896,500	887,400	-3,200	5,900
Government	371,200	372,500	382,200	-1,300	-11,000
*High Tech Mfg.	178,700	179,000	195,500	-300	-16,800
*High Tech Nonmfg.	86,200	86,900	87,700	-700	-1,500

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- OCTOBER 1991 THROUGH OCTOBER 1992
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
October	3150	2867	283	9.0
November	3157	2880	277	8.8
December	3164	2889	275	8.7
1992				
January	3131	2884	247	7.9
February	3130	2895	234	7.5
March	3143	2857	287	9.1
April	3090	2825	265	8.6
May	3123	2864	259	8.3
June	3149	2870	279	8.8
July	3150	2888	261	8.3
August	3119	2859	260	8.3
September	3095	2829	266	8.6
October	3093	2834	259	8.4

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES TO 9.0
PERCENT IN NOVEMBER; U.S. AT 7.2 PERCENT**

Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate rose to 9.0 percent in November, up from 8.4 percent in October. The national rate dropped to 7.2 percent over the month, down from 7.4 percent in October.

Despite this monthly increase, the 11-month average unemployment rate remained at 8.4 percent, down from last year's 9.0 percent average rate.

"The good news this month is that more people are working and looking for work," Nordberg said. "However, the fact remains that there are currently not enough jobs to absorb these new entrants."

Nordberg added that an estimated 75,900 people collected unemployment insurance benefits in November, a 27 percent decrease from the 103,800 people collecting in November 1991. In addition to regular benefits, an estimated 59,100 unemployed collected emergency unemployment compensation in November.

Massachusetts' unemployment rate was second highest among the eleven large states in November. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 10.1 percent; New Jersey - 8.7; New York - 8.0; Michigan - 7.9; Texas - 7.6; Florida - 7.5; Ohio - 7.4; Pennsylvania - 7.1; Illinois - 6.2 percent and North Carolina -- 5.9 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of October were also released this week, showing a gain of 13,400 jobs over the month. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR OCTOBER 1992, SEPTEMBER 1992 and OCTOBER 1991
Seasonally Adjusted

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>October 1992</u>	<u>September 1992</u>	<u>October 1991</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,753,200	2,739,800	2,798,100	13,400	-44,900
Construction	73,200	71,200	77,200	2,000	-4,000
Manufacturing	456,400	456,800	477,300	-400	-20,900
Transportation, Utilities	122,000	120,800	122,300	1,200	-300
Trade	631,700	626,600	646,300	5,100	-14,600
Wholesale	151,600	151,800	155,600	-200	-4,000
Retail	480,100	474,800	490,700	5,300	-10,600
Finance, Ins., R.E.	196,900	195,700	203,000	1,200	-6,100
Services	898,400	896,800	888,300	1,600	10,100
Government	373,400	370,700	382,500	2,700	- 9,100
*High Tech Mfg.	177,700	178,700	193,800	-1,000	-16,100
*High Tech Nonmfg.	86,100	86,000	87,400	100	-1,300

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- NOVEMBER 1991 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1992
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
November	3157	2880	277	8.8
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January	3131	2884	247	7.9
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May	3123	2864	259	8.3
June	3149	2870	279	8.8
July	3150	2888	261	8.3
August	3119	2859	260	8.3
September	3095	2829	266	8.6
October	3093	2834	259	8.4
November	3132	2849	282	9.0

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS SLIGHTLY
TO 8.6 PERCENT IN DECEMBER; U.S. AT 7.3**

Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate in December was 8.6 percent, down from 9.0 percent in November. The national rate remained at 7.3 percent, unchanged from the revised November rate.

The annual average unemployment rate for 1992 in the state was 8.5 percent, down from last year's 9.0 percent average. The annual average for the U.S. was 7.4 percent, up from 1991's 6.7 percent.

"We're better off than a year ago, but we still have a lot of work to do," Nordberg said. "Despite the rate drop, we have one out of three of all unemployed in Massachusetts out of work for more than six months and one out of four have been out for more than a year."

Massachusetts' unemployment rate was second highest among the eleven large states in December. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 9.7 percent; New York - 8.4; New Jersey - 8.0; Michigan - 7.9; Texas - 7.8; Ohio and Pennsylvania - 7.2; Illinois - 7.1 percent; Florida - 6.8; and North Carolina -- 5.5 percent.

Annual demographics for 1992 were also released today. Yearly job estimates for the month of November were released last week. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR NOVEMBER 1992, OCTOBER 1992 and NOVEMBER 1991

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>November 1992</u>	<u>October 1992</u>	<u>November 1991</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,745,500	2,752,900	2,790,500	-7,400	-45,000
Construction	72,700	73,200	76,000	-500	-3,300
Manufacturing	453,300	456,100	474,700	-2,800	-21,400
Transportation, Utilities	120,800	121,400	122,900	-600	-2,100
Trade	627,400	632,200	642,800	-4,800	-15,400
Wholesale	151,600	151,400	155,300	200	-3,700
Retail	475,800	480,800	487,500	-5,000	-11,700
Finance, Ins., R.E.	197,100	196,900	202,700	200	-5,600
Services	899,500	899,000	889,000	500	10,500
Government	373,400	372,900	381,200	500	- 7,800
*High Tech Mfg.	176,200	177,500	192,600	-1,300	-16,400
*High Tech Nonmfg.	86,000	86,100	87,200	-100	-1,200

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- DECEMBER 1991 THROUGH DECEMBER 1992
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1991 -- REVISED 2/92				
December	3164	2889	275	8.7
1992				
January	3131	2884	247	7.9
February	3130	2895	234	7.5
March	3143	2857	287	9.1
April	3090	2825	265	8.6
May	3123	2864	259	8.3
June	3149	2870	279	8.8
July	3150	2888	261	8.3
August	3119	2859	260	8.3
September	3095	2829	266	8.6
October	3093	2834	259	8.4
November	3132	2849	282	9.0
December	3145	2873	272	8.6

QUARTERLY DEMOGRAPHICS -- Annual Averages for 1992 & 1991
Annual Average 1992 Annual Average 1991

Total	8.5			Total	9.0		
Male	9.8	Female	7.0	Male	10.1	Female	7.7
White	8.0	Black	17.9	White	8.7	Black	16.5
Hispanic	15.7	16-19	20.2	Hispanic	16.5	16-19	19.2

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS
TO 8.2 PERCENT IN JANUARY; U.S. AT 7.1

Employment and Training Deputy Commissioner Richard T. Sullivan announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 8.2 percent in January, down from 8.6 percent in December. The revised rate in January of 1992 was also 8.2 percent. The national rate dropped from December's rate of 7.3 to 7.1 percent.

"It's encouraging to see a small drop in the rate for the second month in a row," Sullivan said. "We are, however, concerned about the effect high tech restructuring will have on unemployment over the next few months."

Sullivan added that 95,700 people collected regular unemployment insurance benefits in January, down 27 percent from 130,600 in January 1992. An additional 48,000 people collected emergency unemployment compensation, down 13 percent from the 55,370 collecting one year ago.

Massachusetts' unemployment rate was third highest among the eleven large states in January. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 9.5 percent; New York - 8.5; Florida and Texas - 7.8; Pennsylvania - 7.5; New Jersey - 7.4; Michigan - 7.1; Ohio - 7.0; Illinois - 6.5; and North Carolina - 5.4 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of December were released last week. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR DECEMBER 1992, NOVEMBER 1992 and DECEMBER 1991

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>December</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>November</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>December</u> <u>1991</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,731,800	2,746,100	2,776,100	-14,300	-44,300
Construction	71,000	73,000	74,100	-2,000	-3,100
Manufacturing	450,700	453,500	471,000	-2,800	-20,300
Transportation, Utilities	120,900	121,500	122,700	-600	-1,800
Trade	624,800	627,200	640,700	-2,400	-15,900
Wholesale	150,700	151,500	154,100	-800	-3,400
Retail	474,100	475,700	486,600	-1,600	-12,500
Finance, Ins., R.E.	196,600	197,200	200,800	-600	-4,200
Services	895,400	899,000	884,900	-3,600	10,500
Government	371,200	373,400	380,700	-2,200	-9,500
*High Tech Mfg.	175,300	176,000	191,100	-700	-15,800
*High Tech Nonmfg.	85,900	86,000	87,200	-100	-1,300

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- JANUARY 1992 THROUGH JANUARY 1993
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

REVISED 2/93				
MONTH	LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	RATE
1992				
January	3135	2878	257	8.2
February	3126	2882	244	7.8
March	3138	2859	279	8.9
April	3106	2843	263	8.5
May	3124	2863	261	8.3
June	3142	2869	273	8.7
July	3144	2881	263	8.4
August	3118	2855	262	8.4
September	3107	2841	266	8.6
October	3106	2843	262	8.4
November	3129	2852	277	8.9
December	3139	2868	271	8.6
ANNUAL AVERAGE				8.5
1993				
January	3200	2937	264	8.2

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS
TO 7.7 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY; U.S. AT 7.0 PERCENT**

Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped from 8.2 percent in January to 7.7 in February. The national rate also dropped to 7.0 percent in February, down from January's 7.1 percent rate.

"The numbers are showing some sign of improvement over the year," Nordberg said. "We are, however, cautiously optimistic about the state's unemployment picture, remembering that last year's February drop was followed by a sizable rise in March."

Nordberg added that 94,000 people collected regular unemployment insurance benefits in February, down 27 percent from 128,700 in February 1992. An additional 41,500 people collected emergency unemployment compensation, down 23 percent from the 54,000 collecting one year ago.

The Massachusetts unemployment rate was fifth highest among the eleven large states in February. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 9.8 percent; New York - 8.0; Illinois - 7.9; New Jersey - 7.8; Texas - 7.5; Pennsylvania - 7.0; Michigan - 6.8; Florida and Ohio - 6.7; and North Carolina - 5.2 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of January and for 1991-1992 were also released this week. (See reverse side.)

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Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR DECEMBER 1992, NOVEMBER 1992 and DECEMBER 1991

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>January 1993</u>	<u>December 1992</u>	<u>January 1992</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,797,800	2,758,700	2,801,100	39,100	-3,300
Construction	79,900	72,700	76,900	7,200	3,000
Manufacturing	453,800	452,500	471,800	1,300	-18,000
Transportation, Utilities	121,800	119,900	120,400	1,900	1,400
Trade	651,300	637,500	643,500	13,800	7,800
Wholesale	156,900	154,300	156,800	2,600	100
Retail	494,400	483,200	486,700	11,200	7,700
Finance, Ins., R.E.	196,100	194,000	197,300	2,100	-1,200
Services	922,900	907,500	906,700	15,400	16,200
Government	370,700	373,400	383,300	-2,700	-12,600
*High Tech Mfg.	176,500	177,200	190,700	-700	-14,200
*High Tech Nonmfg.	90,700	91,300	89,500	-600	1,200

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR 1991 - 1992

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>
Nonagricultural	2,821,200	2,778,300	-42,900	-1.5%
Construction	78,800	72,100	-6,700	-8.5%
Manufacturing	485,000	462,100	-22,900	-4.7%
Transportation, Utilities	123,400	120,300	-3,100	-2.5%
Trade	650,600	641,300	-9,300	-1.4%
Wholesale	158,700	156,200	-2,500	-1.6%
Retail	492,000	485,100	-6,900	-1.4%
Finance, Ins., R.E.	201,800	195,900	-5,900	-2.9%
Services	890,500	907,300	16,800	1.9%
Government	389,900	378,300	-11,600	-3.0%
*High Tech Mfg.	198,900	183,600	-15,300	-7.7%
*High Tech Nonmfg.	90,300	91,300	1,000	1.1%

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS
TO 6.4 PERCENT IN MARCH; U.S. REMAINS AT 7.0**

Employment and Training Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate was 6.4 percent in March, down from 7.7 percent in February. The national rate remained steady at 7.0 percent.

During the first three months of 1993, the annual average unemployment rate was 7.5 percent, down from the 1992 average of 8.3 percent.

"Although we are cautious about this dramatic drop in the rate, we are optimistic," Nordberg said. "All indications tell us the state is moving in the right direction, including more jobs in three industry sectors and a solid drop in the three-month average unemployment rate, compared to the first quarter of last year."

In March, 92,000 people collected regular unemployment insurance benefits, down 27 percent from 126,500 collecting in March 1992. An additional 39,500 people collected emergency unemployment compensation, down 40 percent from the 65,700 collecting one year ago.

The Massachusetts unemployment rate was third lowest among the eleven large states in March. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 9.4 percent; Illinois - 8.4; New Jersey - 8.3; New York - 7.3; Florida - 6.9; Pennsylvania - 6.9; Texas - 6.8; Ohio - 6.5; Michigan - 6.3; and North Carolina - 5.3 percent.

Quarterly demographics were released today. Yearly job estimates for the month of March were also released this week. (See reverse side.)

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Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR FEBRUARY 1993, JANUARY 1993 and FEBRUARY 1992

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>February</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>January</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>February</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,786,600	2,798,500	2,794,600	-11,900	-8,000
Construction	78,600	79,400	76,500	-800	2,100
Manufacturing	451,600	454,400	470,400	-2,800	-18,800
Transportation, Utilities	119,100	121,100	120,300	-2,000	-1,200
Trade	650,700	651,800	644,200	-1,100	6,500
Wholesale	156,500	156,700	157,000	-200	-500
Retail	494,200	495,100	487,200	-900	7,000
Finance, Ins., R.E.	195,300	195,800	197,100	-500	-1,800
Services	917,500	922,800	902,400	-5,300	15,100
Government	372,600	371,900	382,600	700	-10,000
*High Tech Mfg.	175,700	177,200	189,600	-1,500	-13,900
*High Tech Nonmfg.	90,700	90,500	90,300	200	400

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- MARCH 1992 THROUGH MARCH 1993
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1992				
March	3138	2859	279	8.9
April	3106	2843	263	8.5
May	3124	2863	261	8.3
June	3142	2869	273	8.7
July	3144	2881	263	8.4
August	3118	2855	262	8.4
September	3107	2841	266	8.6
October	3106	2843	262	8.4
November	3129	2852	277	8.9
December	3139	2868	271	8.6
ANNUAL AVERAGE	3126	2862	265	8.5
1993				
January	3200	2937	264	8.2
February	3143	2901	241	7.7
March	3170	2966	204	6.4

QUARTERLY DEMOGRAPHICS -- First Quarters -- 1992 & 1993
Seasonally unadjusted

	<u>First Quarter 1993</u>				<u>First Quarter 1992</u>			
Total	8.1				Total	9.0		
Male	9.8	Female	6.2		Male	10.9	Female	6.9
White	7.7	Black	17.8		White	8.6	Black	16.6
Hispanic	14.1	16-19	19.9		Hispanic	20.0	16-19	20.8

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES
TO 6.5 PERCENT IN APRIL; U.S. AT 7.0 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate rose to 6.5 percent in April, up slightly from 6.4 percent in March. The national rate remained steady for the third consecutive month at 7.0 percent.

In the first four months of 1993, the average state unemployment rate was 7.2 percent, down significantly from the four-month average of 8.3 percent in 1992.

"Despite a slight increase in the monthly rate, we are seeing significant improvement in the employment picture over the year, with 76,000 more people working in 1993 and 62,000 less unemployed," Nordberg said.

In April, 78,100 people collected regular unemployment insurance benefits, down 23 percent from the 101,300 collecting in April 1992. An additional 41,000 people collected emergency unemployment compensation.

The Massachusetts unemployment rate was tied for second lowest among the eleven large states in April. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: New Jersey - 9.1 percent; California - 8.6; Illinois - 8.1; New York - 7.0; Michigan and Texas - 6.7; Florida and Pennsylvania - 6.6; Ohio - 6.5; and North Carolina - 5.5 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of March were also released last week, showing a loss of nearly 14,000 jobs over the month. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR MARCH 1993, FEBRUARY 1993 AND MARCH 1992

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>February</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>March</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,772,300	2,786,000	2,790,300	-13,700	-18,000
Construction	75,000	78,800	74,300	-3,800	700
Manufacturing	449,300	452,000	468,500	-2,700	-19,200
Transportation, Utilities	117,800	119,100	120,500	-1,300	-2,700
Trade	646,700	650,600	644,200	-3,900	2,500
Wholesale	156,100	156,500	157,100	-400	-1,000
Retail	490,600	494,100	487,100	-3,500	3,500
Finance, Ins., R.E.	193,800	194,700	196,700	-900	-2,900
Services	914,600	916,300	902,300	-1,700	12,300
Government	374,000	373,300	382,700	700	-8,700
*High Tech Mfg.	173,900	175,800	189,100	-1,900	-15,200
*High Tech Nonmfg.	90,700	90,500	90,300	200	400

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- APRIL 1992 THROUGH APRIL 1993
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>REVISED 2/93</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
MONTH				
1992				
April	3106	2843	263	8.5
May	3124	2863	261	8.3
June	3142	2869	273	8.7
July	3144	2881	263	8.4
August	3118	2855	262	8.4
September	3107	2841	266	8.6
October	3106	2843	262	8.4
November	3129	2852	277	8.9
December	3139	2868	271	8.6
ANNUAL AVERAGE	3126	2862	265	8.5
1993				
January	3200	2937	264	8.2
February	3143	2901	241	7.7
March	3170	2966	204	6.4
April	3121	2919	202	6.5

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ROSE SLIGHTLY
TO 6.7 PERCENT IN MAY; U.S. AT 6.9 PERCENT**

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Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate rose from 6.5 percent in April to 6.7 percent in May. The national rate dropped to 6.9 percent.

In the first five months of 1993, the average state unemployment rate was 7.1 percent, down significantly from the average unemployment rate of 8.3 during the same time period in 1992.

"Despite a slight increase in the monthly rate, May was the third consecutive month that Massachusetts was below the national average," Nordberg said.

In May, 79,700 people collected regular unemployment insurance benefits, down 19 percent from the 98,400 collecting in May 1992. An additional 37,000 people collected emergency unemployment compensation during the month.

The Massachusetts unemployment rate was fourth lowest among the eleven large states in May. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 8.7 percent; Illinois - 8.3; New York - 7.5; New Jersey - 7.4; Florida - 7.2; Pennsylvania - 7.1; Michigan - 7.0; Texas - 6.5; Ohio - 6.1; and North Carolina - 5.1 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of April were also released this week.

(See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR APRIL 1993, MARCH 1993 AND APRIL 1992

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>April 1993</u>	<u>March 1993</u>	<u>April 1992</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,773,600	2,774,700	2,789,100	-1,100	-15,500
Construction	74,700	75,500	72,900	-800	1,800
Manufacturing	449,300	449,200	467,500	100	-18,200
Transportation, Utilities	118,100	117,700	120,800	400	-2,700
Trade	647,700	646,300	644,700	1,400	3,000
Wholesale	156,000	156,100	157,500	-100	-1,500
Retail	491,700	490,200	487,200	1,500	4,500
Finance, Ins., R.E.	193,300	193,800	196,500	-500	-3,200
Services	913,600	916,500	904,500	-2,900	9,100
Government	375,800	374,600	381,100	1,200	-5,300
*High Tech Mfg.	172,000	173,700	187,800	-1,700	-15,800
*High Tech Nonmfg.	90,600	90,700	90,800	-100	-200

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- MAY 1992 THROUGH MAY 1993
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>REVISED 2/93</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
MONTH				
1992				
May	3124	2863	261	8.3
June	3142	2869	273	8.7
July	3144	2881	263	8.4
August	3118	2855	262	8.4
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April	3121	2919	202	6.5
May	3130	2920	210	6.7

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 6.0
PERCENT IN JUNE; U.S. RISES SLIGHTLY TO 7.0 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate was 6.0 percent in June, down from 6.7 percent in May. The national rate rose to 7.0 during the month, up slightly from 6.9 percent in May.

In the first six months of 1993, the average state unemployment rate was 6.9 percent, down significantly from the average of 8.4 percent during the same time period in 1992.

"81,000 more people are working in Massachusetts this June," Nordberg said, "and there are 86,000 fewer unemployed than a year ago."

During the month of June, an average of 72,700 people collected regular unemployment insurance benefits each week, down 22 percent from the 93,200 collecting in June, 1992. An additional 34,100 people collected emergency unemployment compensation per week during the month.

The Massachusetts unemployment rate was third lowest among the eleven large states in June. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 9.1 percent; Illinois - 8.0; New York - 7.8; Michigan - 7.3.; Florida - 7.0; Texas - 7.0; Pennsylvania - 6.9; New Jersey - 6.9; Ohio - 5.8; and North Carolina - 5.4 percent.

Quarterly demographic figures were also released today and yearly job estimates for the month of May were released earlier this week. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR MAY 1993, APRIL 1993 AND MAY 1992

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Ye</u>
Nonagricultural	2,765,900	2,772,400	2,786,800	-6,500	-20,900
Construction	72,100	74,100	71,400	-2,000	700
Manufacturing	446,900	449,100	466,200	-2,200	-19,300
Transportation, Utilities	118,200	118,400	120,700	-200	-2,500
Trade	642,900	645,600	642,900	-2,700	0
Wholesale	155,700	155,900	157,200	-200	-1,500
Retail	487,200	489,700	485,700	2,500	1,500
Finance, Ins., R.E.	192,600	193,600	196,500	-1,000	-3,900
Services	914,600	914,800	907,300	-200	7,300
Government	377,500	375,700	380,700	1,800	-3,200
*High Tech Mfg.	170,600	172,000	186,800	-1,400	-16,200
*High Tech Nonmfg.	90,900	90,700	91,500	200	-600

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- JUNE 1992 THROUGH JUNE 1993
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>REVISED 2/93</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
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March	3170	2966	204	6.4
April	3121	2919	202	6.5
May	3130	2920	210	6.7
June	3137	2950	187	6.0

QUARTERLY DEMOGRAPHICS -- Second Quarters -- 1992 & 1993
Seasonally unadjusted

	<u>Second Quarter 1993</u>				<u>Second Quarter 1992</u>			
Total	6.5				Total	8.6		
Male	7.2	Female	5.7		Male	9.8	Female	7.3
White	6.2	Black	12.1		White	8.0	Black	23.0
Hispanic	13.2	16-19	22.3		Hispanic	16.5	16-19	22.1

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES SLIGHTLY TO 6.3
PERCENT IN JUNE; U.S. DROPS TO 6.8 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate was 6.3 percent in July, up slightly from 6.0 percent in June. The national rate dropped to 6.8, down from June's 7.0 percent.

In the first seven months of 1993, the average state unemployment rate was 6.8 percent, down significantly from the average of 8.4 percent during the same time period in 1992.

"The downward trend in unemployment still looks good," Nordberg said. "We are seeing fewer initial and continued claims in our offices."

During the month of July, an average of 75,400 people collected regular unemployment insurance benefits each week, down 23 percent from the 98,300 collecting in July, 1992. An additional 36,300 people collected emergency unemployment compensation per week during the month, decreasing 34 percent from 54,800 in July, 1992.

The Massachusetts unemployment rate was second lowest among the eleven large states in July. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 9.8 percent; New York - 7.5; Michigan - 7.3; Pennsylvania - 7.3; Illinois - 7.2; Texas - 7.2; Florida - 7.0; New Jersey - 6.9; Ohio - 6.9; and North Carolina - 4.5 percent.

Yearly job estimates for the month of June were also released earlier this week. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR JUNE 1993, MAY 1993 AND JUNE 1992

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>May</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,753,300	2,762,300	2,776,600	-9,000	-23,300
Construction	70,400	71,700	70,400	-1,300	0
Manufacturing	444,400	446,500	461,800	-2,100	-17,400
Transportation, Utilities	118,100	117,800	120,500	300	-2,400
Trade	640,200	643,200	640,700	-3,000	-500
Wholesale	155,100	155,700	156,700	-600	-1,600
Retail	485,100	487,500	484,000	-2,400	1,100
Finance, Ins., R.E.	191,900	192,500	195,800	-600	-3,900
Services	913,000	914,800	907,600	-1,800	5,400
Government	374,200	374,700	378,700	-500	-4,500
*High Tech Mfg.	169,700	170,600	183,900	-900	-14,200
*High Tech Nonmfg.	91,800	90,700	92,800	1,100	-1,000

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- JUNE 1992 THROUGH JUNE 1993
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>REVISED 2/93</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1992				
July	3144	2881	263	8.4
August	3118	2855	262	8.4
September	3107	2841	266	8.6
October	3106	2843	262	8.4
November	3129	2852	277	8.9
December	3139	2868	271	8.6
ANNUAL AVERAGE	3126	2862	265	8.5
1993				
January	3200	2937	264	8.2
February	3143	2901	241	7.7
March	3170	2966	204	6.4
April	3121	2919	202	6.5
May	3130	2920	210	6.7
June	3137	2950	187	6.0
July	3107	2910	197	6.3

SOURCE: Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES TO
7.0 PERCENT IN AUGUST; U.S. DROPS TO 6.7 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate rose to 7.0 percent in August, up from 6.3 percent in July. The national rate was at 6.7 percent, down from July's rate of 6.8 percent.

The eight-month, collective average rate for 1993 was 6.9 percent, down significantly from the eight-month average of 8.4 percent in 1992.

"This slight rise in the unemployment rate is due to an increase in the number of people looking for jobs," Nordberg said. "Of the 38,000 new entrants into the labor force, 15,000 found employment, with the remainder still looking."

During the month of August, an average of 70,200 people per week collected regular unemployment insurance benefits, down 24 percent from the 92,500 collecting in August, 1992. An additional 36,600 people per week collected emergency unemployment compensation during the month, decreasing 28 percent from 51,000 in August, 1992.

The Massachusetts unemployment rate was fourth lowest among the eleven large states in July. The monthly rates for the remaining ten states were: California - 9.0 percent; New York - 7.9; Illinois - 7.6; Pennsylvania - 7.5; Texas - 7.2; Florida and New Jersey - 7.1; Michigan - 6.5; Ohio - 5.6; and North Carolina - 4.6 percent.

Yearly job estimates for July were also released earlier this week. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR JULY 1993, JUNE 1993 AND JULY 1992

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>June</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,756,000	2,753,500	2,773,100	2,500	-17,100
Construction	73,400	71,300	68,100	2,100	5,300
Manufacturing	441,300	444,500	460,600	-3,200	-19,300
Transportation, Utilities	118,600	118,000	120,300	600	-1,700
Trade	639,000	639,500	639,800	-500	-800
Wholesale	154,400	155,000	156,600	-600	-2,200
Retail	484,600	484,500	483,200	100	1,400
Finance, Ins., R.E.	191,400	191,700	195,300	-300	-3,900
Services	917,700	914,600	910,700	3,100	7,000
Government	373,500	372,800	377,200	700	-3,700
*High Tech Mfg.	166,600	169,900	180,600	-3,300	-14,000
*High Tech Nonmfg.	91,900	91,700	92,900	200	-1,000

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MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- AUGUST 1992 THROUGH AUGUST 1993

Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>REVISED 2/93</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1992				
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May	3130	2920	210	6.7
June	3137	2950	187	6.0
July	3107	2910	197	6.3
August	3145	2925	220	7.0

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RISES TO 7.2 PERCENT
IN SEPTEMBER; U.S. STAYS AT 6.7 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate rose from 7.0 percent in August to 7.2 percent in September. The national rate remained steady at 6.7 percent.

"This slight increase in the unemployment rate is partly due to 23,000 people entering the labor force during the month," Nordberg said. "We are, however, still seeing 98,000 more people working this year than one year ago."

During the month of September, an average of 62,900 people per week collected regular unemployment insurance benefits, down 24 percent from the 83,000 collecting in September, 1992. An additional 33,600 people per week collected emergency unemployment compensation during the month, decreasing 52 percent from 70,400 in September, 1992.

The September rates for the remaining ten large states are: California - 9.4 percent; Illinois - 8.5; New Jersey - 7.7; Ohio - 7.3; New York - 7.1; Pennsylvania - 6.9; Michigan - 6.7; Texas - 6.6; Florida - 6.4; and North Carolina - 4.2 percent.

Nordberg also announced that a comprehensive report on Massachusetts job totals -- based on quarterly information provided by employers to D.E.T.-- shows an over-the-year job increase for the second consecutive quarter. This employment report will be released Tuesday, October 12, and on the last Tuesday of each quarter thereafter.

Demographics for the third quarter of 1993 were released today and yearly job estimates for August were released last week. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR AUGUST 1993, JULY 1993 AND AUGUST 1992

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>August</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>July</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>August</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,752,400	2,757,600	2,763,900	-5,200	-11,500
Construction	72,900	73,600	67,700	-700	5,200
Manufacturing	437,600	441,400	456,900	-3,800	-19,300
Transportation, Utilities	118,300	118,600	120,000	-300	-1,700
Trade	638,500	638,600	637,400	-100	1,100
Wholesale	154,100	154,400	155,600	-300	-1,500
Retail	484,400	484,200	481,800	200	2,600
Finance, Ins., R.E.	191,700	191,500	195,100	200	-3,400
Services	918,100	918,800	909,500	-700	8,600
Government	374,200	374,000	376,200	200	-2,000
*High Tech Mfg.	165,700	166,600	180,500	-900	-14,800
*High Tech Nonmfg.	92,100	92,100	92,100	0	0

* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- SEPTEMBER 1992 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1993
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>REVISED 2/93</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1992				
September	3107	2841	266	8.6
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November	3129	2852	277	8.9
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April	3121	2919	202	6.5
May	3130	2920	210	6.7
June	3137	2950	187	6.0
July	3107	2910	197	6.3
August	3145	2925	220	7.0
September	3168	2940	229	7.2

QUARTERLY DEMOGRAPHICS -- Third Quarters -- 1992 & 1993
Seasonally unadjusted

	<u>Third Quarter 1993</u>				<u>Third Quarter 1992</u>			
Total	6.7				Total	8.4		
Male	7.3	Female	6.1		Male	8.9	Female	7.8
White	6.4	Black	12.1		White	7.9	Black	16.9
Hispanic	11.5	16-19	19.0		Hispanic	19.0	16-19	16.8

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 6.9 PERCENT
IN OCTOBER; U.S. RISES SLIGHTLY TO 6.8 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 6.9 percent in October, down from the September rate of 7.2 percent. The national rate rose from 6.7 percent to 6.8.

"October's rate reverses the trend we have seen since June," Nordberg said. "We have begun to absorb entrants and re-entrants into the job market--with gains in the construction and services industries."

The Census Population Survey (CPS) for October shows 116,000 more people employed than in October, 1992, and 42,000 fewer unemployed.

During the month of October, an average of 62,700 people per week collected regular unemployment insurance benefits, down 10 percent from the 71,100 collecting in October of 1992.

The monthly rates for the remaining ten large states are: California - 9.8 percent; New York - 7.9; Illinois - 7.8; Texas - 7.5; Florida - 7.1; Pennsylvania - 7.0; Michigan - 6.9; Ohio - 6.6; New Jersey - 6.5; and North Carolina - 4.8 percent.

Yearly job estimates for September were released this week. (See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR SEPTEMBER 1993, AUGUST 1993 AND SEPTEMBER 1992

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>September 1993</u>	<u>August 1993</u>	<u>September 1992</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,753,200	2,753,800	2,761,300	-600	-8,100
Construction	74,200	73,100	69,200	1,100	5,000
Manufacturing	437,400	438,000	457,500	-600	-20,100
Transportation, Utilities	117,900	118,000	119,700	-100	-1,800
Trade	635,600	637,500	638,400	-1,900	-2,800
Wholesale	153,400	154,100	155,500	-700	-2,100
Retail	482,200	483,400	482,900	-1,200	-700
Finance, Ins., R.E.	191,200	191,700	194,700	-500	-3,500
Services	921,700	920,100	907,300	1,600	14,400
Government	374,100	374,300	373,400	-200	700
*High Tech Mfg.	164,900	165,800	180,300	-900	-15,400
*High Tech Nonmfg.	91,800	92,400	91,400	-600	400

(* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.)

NOTE: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates are derived from a monthly survey of approximately 10,000 employers in Massachusetts. Once each year these sample-based estimates are revised when a comprehensive count of employment (benchmark) is available from unemployment insurance records. As a result of a preliminary review of the benchmark data for the first quarter of 1993, an upward revision of approximately 1 percent or 30,000 jobs is anticipated in the first quarter nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates. Revised estimates are published annually in March.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- OCTOBER 1992 THROUGH OCTOBER 1993

Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>REVISED 2/93 MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1992				
October	3106	2843	262	8.4
November	3129	2852	277	8.9
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ANNUAL AVERAGE	3126	2862	265	8.5
1993				
January	3200	2937	264	8.2
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March	3170	2966	204	6.4
April	3121	2919	202	6.5
May	3130	2920	210	6.7
June	3137	2950	187	6.0
July	3107	2910	197	6.3
August	3145	2925	220	7.0
September	3168	2940	229	7.2
October	3179	2959	220	6.9

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 6.6 PERCENT
IN NOVEMBER; U.S. ALSO DROPS TO 6.4 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate dropped to 6.6 percent in November, down from the October rate of 6.9 percent. The national rate dropped from 6.8 percent to 6.4.

"Our recent rates have consistently been running below the 1991 and 1992 rates; we are now below the November 1990 rate of 7.2 percent," Nordberg said. "We fortunately have been absorbing re-entrants into the labor force."

The Current Population Survey (CPS) for November shows 98,000 more people employed than in November, 1992, and 70,000 fewer unemployed.

During the month of November, an average of 71,600 people per week collected regular unemployment insurance benefits, down 6 percent from the 75,900 collecting in November of 1992.

The monthly rates for the remaining ten large states are:
California - 8.6 percent; New York - 7.5; Pennsylvania - 7.2;
Michigan - 7.0; Texas - 6.9; Florida and Ohio - 6.5; New Jersey - 6.2; Illinois - 5.9; and North Carolina - 3.9 percent.

Yearly job estimates for October were released this week.

(See reverse side.)

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NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY FOR MASSACHUSETTS
Bureau of Labor Statistics 790 Series -- Seasonally Adjusted
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR OCTOBER 1993, SEPTEMBER 1993 AND OCTOBER 1992

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>October</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>September</u> <u>1993</u>	<u>October</u> <u>1992</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u> <u>Prior Year</u>
Nonagricultural	2,774,000	2,757,300	2,773,000	16,700	1,000
Construction	77,400	74,100	72,300	3,300	5,100
Manufacturing	439,800	437,800	456,800	2,000	-17,000
Transportation, Utilities	119,200	118,000	119,900	1,200	-700
Trade	637,600	635,600	641,800	2,000	-4,200
Wholesale	152,100	153,400	155,200	-1,300	-3,100
Retail	485,500	482,200	486,600	3,300	-1,100
Finance, Ins., R.E.	193,400	191,900	195,800	1,500	-2,400
Services	927,900	923,100	910,600	4,800	17,300
Government	377,600	375,700	374,700	1,900	2,900
*High Tech Mfg.	165,100	165,400	179,300	-300	-14,200
*High Tech Nonmfg.	91,800	91,800	91,600	0	200

(* These are D.E.T. estimates that are seasonally unadjusted and subsets of manufacturing and services respectively.)

NOTE: Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates are derived from a monthly survey of approximately 10,000 employers in Massachusetts. Once each year these sample-based estimates are revised when a comprehensive count of employment (benchmark) is available from unemployment insurance records. As a result of a preliminary review of the benchmark data for the first quarter of 1993, an upward revision of approximately 1 percent or 30,000 jobs is anticipated in the first quarter nonagricultural wage and salary employment estimates. Revised estimates are published annually in March.

MASSACHUSETTS LABOR FORCE DATA -- NOVEMBER 1992 THROUGH NOVEMBER 1993
Seasonally Adjusted, Numbers in 000's

<u>REVISED 2/93</u> <u>MONTH</u>	<u>LABOR FORCE</u>	<u>EMPLOYED</u>	<u>UNEMPLOYED</u>	<u>RATE</u>
1992				
November	3129	2852	277	8.9
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July	3107	2910	197	6.3
August	3145	2925	220	7.0
September	3168	2940	229	7.2
October	3179	2959	220	6.9
November	3158	2951	207	6.6

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The following schedule outlines the monthly release of job estimates and state and local unemployment information by the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.).

We will issue data from the Current Population Survey (CPS) of approximately 2,300 Massachusetts households, which includes monthly estimates of civilian labor force information for the state, on the first Friday of each month in 1994. We will also issue the U.S. unemployment rate, which is determined by a federal survey of approximately 60,000 households across the country, and rates for 11 large states where data is gathered by comparable CPS surveys. June data will not be available until the second Friday in July, the 8th.

Current Employment Statistics (CES-790) job estimates, a survey of approximately 10,000 Massachusetts employers, and local and area unemployment rates will be available on the last or next-to-last Tuesday of each month and be two months behind the date listed below.

ES-202 data, quarterly employment and wage reports most Massachusetts employers file with D.E.T., are not as current as the CPS and 790 surveys but contain actual payroll information from nearly 150,000 employers. We will release data from these quarterly employment and wage reports on the dates indicated below.

1994 MONTH	CPS STATE RATES	790 JOB ESTIMATES	LOCAL AREA RATES	202 EMPLOYER DATA
January	2/4	3/1	3/1	
February	3/4	3/22	3/22	3/23 (3Q.'93)
March	4/1	4/19	4/19	
April	5/6	5/24	5/24	
May	6/3	6/21	6/21	6/22 (4Q.'93)
June	7/8	7/26	7/26	
July	8/5	8/23	8/23	
August	9/2	9/20	9/20	9/21 (1Q.'94)
September	10/7	10/25	10/25	
October	11/4	11/22	11/22	
November	12/2	12/20	12/20	12/21 (2Q.'94)
December	1/6/95	1/24/95	1/24/95	

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 6.4 PERCENT
IN FEBRUARY; U.S. AT 6.5 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for February was 6.4 percent. The national rate was 6.5 percent.

"We are encouraged to be below the national average again," Nordberg said. "Throughout 1992 we were above the national rate, and in 1993 we seesawed but wound up with November and December rates of 6.4 and 6.2 percent, lower than the U.S."

The February rates for the remaining ten large states are: California - 9.0 percent; Michigan - 7.9; New York - 7.8; New Jersey - 7.3; Texas - 6.9; Illinois - 6.4; Florida - 5.7; North Carolina and Ohio - 5.2; and Pennsylvania - 5.1 percent.

Nordberg also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts employers for January that was compiled last week shows a jobs total of 2,887,200--the highest total since December of 1990, when it reached 2,910,700.

In addition to the yearly job estimates for the month of January, annual averages for 1992-1993 were also released this week. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Jan '94</u>	<u>Dec '93</u>	<u>Jan '93</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Mo.</u>	<u>Net Chg. Yr. Ago</u>
Nonagricult.	2,887,200	2,868,400	2,818,400	+18,800	+ 68,800
Construction	85,300	85,200	79,800	+ 100	+ 5,500
Manufacturing	446,200	446,100	460,900	+ 100	-14,700
Transp., Util.	126,600	125,300	123,100	+ 1,300	+ 3,500
Trade	654,500	648,100	638,600	+ 6,400	+15,900
Wholesale	154,900	154,700	150,600	+ 200	+ 4,300
Retail	499,600	493,400	488,000	+ 6,200	+11,600
Fin. Ins., R.E.	200,800	200,600	197,800	+ 200	+3,000
Services	986,300	974,000	933,700	+12,300	+52,600
Government	386,300	387,800	383,300	-1,500	+ 3,000
*Hi-Tech Mfg	167,900	168,200	181,800	-300	-13,900
*Hi-Tech Nonmfg	101,000	101,400	94,600	-400	+ 6,400

*These are D.E.T. estimates (not seasonally adjusted) that are subsets manufacturing and services respectively.

Nonagricultural Employment by Industry in Massachusetts
1992 - 1993 Annual Averages
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>Net Chg.</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>
Nonagricult.	2,795,100	2,841,500	+46,400	+1.7%
Construction	73,600	80,900	+7,300	+9.9%
Manufacturing	465,700	453,500	-12,200	-2.6%
Transp., Util.	121,400	123,500	+2,100	+1.7%
Trade	640,500	644,000	+3,500	+0.5%
Wholesale	154,200	152,200	-2,000	+1.3%
Retail	486,300	491,800	+5,500	+1.1%
Fin. Ins., R.E.	196,700	199,300	+2,600	+1.3%
Services	913,500	951,800	+38,300	+4.2%
Government	382,600	387,400	+4,800	+1.3%
*Hi-Tech Mfg	186,600	175,000	-11,600	-6.2%
*Hi-Tech Nonmfg	93,100	97,800	+4,700	+5.0%

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS TO 5.9 PERCENT
IN MARCH; U.S. AT 6.5 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for March was 5.9 percent. The national rate was 6.5 percent.

"We are pleased with the downward trend in the unemployment rate," Nordberg said. "The three-month Massachusetts average for 1994 is 6.5 percent, while the federal three-month average is 6.6 percent."

The March rates for the remaining ten large states are: California - 8.6 percent; New York - 8.1; New Jersey - 7.9; Texas - 7.4; Florida - 7.3; Pennsylvania - 6.8; Michigan - 6.5; Illinois - 6.0; Ohio - 5.9; and North Carolina - 4.4 percent.

Nordberg also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts employers for February that was compiled last week shows a jobs total of 2,894,300--the highest total since December of 1990, when it reached 2,910,700.

In addition to the monthly job estimates for February, Massachusetts demographic rates for the first quarter of 1994 were also released. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)

(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Feb '94</u>	<u>Jan '94</u>	<u>Feb '93</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Mo.</u>	<u>Net Chg. Yr. Ago</u>
Nonagricult.	2,894,300	2,891,700	2,817,800	2,600	76,500
Construction	85,800	86,000	80,100	- 200	5,700
Manufacturing	445,300	445,700	460,200	- 400	-14,900
Transp., Util.	127,300	126,700	121,300	600	6,000
Trade	657,000	656,200	639,600	800	17,400
Wholesale	155,900	155,000	150,900	900	5,000
Retail	501,100	501,200	488,700	-100	12,400
Fin., Ins., R.E.	201,700	201,400	197,900	300	3,800
Services	987,700	987,500	933,900	200	53,800
Government	388,300	387,000	383,600	1,300	4,700
*Hi-Tech Mfg.	167,000	168,000	180,800	-1,000	-13,800
*Hi-Tech Nonmfg.	101,400	100,800	95,000	600	6,400

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January	3172	2944	228	7.2
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March	3142	2957	185	5.9

*Unemployment Rates by Demographic Group in Massachusetts
Seasonally unadjusted -- First Quarter 1994

First Qtr.'94	--	Total	7.1
Male	8.6	Female	5.5
White	6.8	Black	13.5
Hispanic	17.7	Teens	20.0

*NOTE: Due to the Current Population Survey (CPS) redesign, comparisons to prior years are not advisable.

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ROSE SLIGHTLY TO 6.1 PERCENT
IN APRIL; U.S. AT 6.4 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of
Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the
Massachusetts unemployment rate for April was 6.1 percent.
The national rate was 6.4 percent.

"The slight, one-month upward tick in the Massachusetts
rate last month is not as significant as the moving three-month
average of 6.1 percent," Nordberg said. "We are still below the
federal three-month average of 6.5."

Massachusetts ranks fourth lowest of the eleven large
states. The April rates for the remaining ten large states are:
California - 9.6 percent; New York - 8.2; Florida - 7.4; New
Jersey - 7.2; Pennsylvania - 6.6; Ohio - 6.3; Texas - 6.3;
Michigan - 5.7; Illinois - 5.5; and North Carolina - 3.9 percent.

Nordberg also noted that the payroll survey of
Massachusetts employers for March that was completed two weeks
ago shows an estimated total of 2,898,300 jobs -- 85,200 more
than there were in March, 1993. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Mar '94</u>	<u>Feb '94</u>	<u>Mar '93</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Mo.</u>	<u>Net Chg. Yr. Ago</u>
Nonagricult.	2,898,300	2,892,400	2,813,100	5,900	85,200
Construction	84,100	85,200	77,400	-1,100	6,700
Manufacturing	445,300	445,500	458,800	-200	-13,500
Transp., Util.	127,900	127,300	121,400	600	6,500
Trade	659,100	655,300	637,800	3,800	21,300
Wholesale	156,600	156,300	151,100	300	5,500
Retail	502,500	499,000	486,700	3,500	15,800
Fin., Ins., R.E.	201,900	201,400	197,900	500	4,000
Services	992,000	987,600	935,300	4,400	56,700
Government	386,800	388,800	383,300	-2,000	3,500
*Hi-Tech Mfg.	166,900	167,400	179,500	-500	-12,600
*Hi-Tech Nonmfg.	101,900	101,400	95,700	500	6,200

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***Massachusetts Labor Force Data**
Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in 000's

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DOWN TO 5.8 PERCENT
IN MAY; U.S. AT 6.0 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for May was 5.8 percent -- down from 6.1 percent in April. The national rate was 6.0 percent -- down from 6.4.

"The numbers in May -- 28,000 more workers in the labor force, 35,000 more people working and 7,000 fewer unemployed -- combine for a lower unemployment rate," Nordberg said. "This is also the fourth consecutive month that we are below the national average."

Massachusetts is tied for third lowest of the eleven large states. The May rates for the remaining ten large states are: California - 8.3 percent; Florida - 6.9; New Jersey - 6.9; Texas - 6.7; New York - 6.5; Ohio - 6.5; Pennsylvania - 6.2; Illinois - 5.8; Michigan - 5.7; and North Carolina - 4.0 percent.

Nordberg also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts employers for April that was completed two weeks ago shows an estimated total of 2,916,900 jobs -- 88,200 more than there were in April, 1993. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Apr '94</u>	<u>Mar '94</u>	<u>Apr '93</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Mo.</u>	<u>Net Chg. Yr. Ago</u>
Nonagricult.	2,916,900	2,897,700	2,828,700	19,200	88,200
Construction	88,500	84,300	77,500	4,200	11,000
Manufacturing	447,100	445,500	457,900	1,600	-10,800
Transp., Util.	127,300+	127,900	122,400	-600	4,900
Trade	664,000	659,900	642,300	4,100	21,700
Wholesale	157,300	156,500	151,900	800	5,400
Retail	506,700	503,400	490,400	3,300	16,300
Fin., Ins., R.E.	202,500	201,600	198,800	900	3,700
Services	996,300	990,800	941,300	5,500	55,000
Government	390,100	386,500	387,300	3,600	2,800
*Hi-Tech Mfg.	167,700	167,100	177,700	600	-10,000
*Hi-Tech Nonmfg.	102,200	101,900	96,300	300	5,900

+Labor Dispute

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***Massachusetts Labor Force Data**
Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in 000's

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May	3155	2972	183	5.8

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ROSE SLIGHTLY TO 6.0 PERCENT
IN JUNE; U.S. AT 6.0 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for June was 6.0 percent -- up from 5.8 percent in May. The national rate remained at 6.0 percent.

"The data for June -- 3,000 more workers in the labor force, 3,000 fewer people working and 6,000 more unemployed -- combine for an uptick in the rate," Nordberg said. "This is, however, the fifth consecutive month that we are at or below the national average."

Massachusetts is the sixth lowest of the eleven large states. The June rates for the remaining ten large states are: California - 8.3; percent; New Jersey - 7.1; New York - 7.0; Texas - 6.7; Florida - 6.2; Pennsylvania - 5.9; Ohio - 5.5; Michigan - 5.4; Illinois - 4.8; and North Carolina - 3.7 percent.

Nordberg also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts employers for May that was completed two weeks ago shows an estimated total of 2,920,700 jobs -- 89,600 more than there were in May, 1993. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>May '94</u>	<u>Apr '94</u>	<u>May '93</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Mo.</u>	<u>Net Chg. Yr. Ago</u>
Nonagricult.	2,920,700	2,917,200	2,831,100	3,500	89,600
Construction	88,900	88,500	77,300	400	11,600
Manufacturing	447,100	446,800	456,700	300	-9,600
Transp., Util.	128,200	127,000+	122,400	1,200	5,800
Trade	666,200	663,900	643,000	2,300	23,200
Wholesale	158,800	157,400	152,100	1,400	6,700
Retail	507,400	506,500	490,900	900	16,500
Fin., Ins., R.E.	202,100	202,300	198,600	-200	3,500
Services	998,100	997,300	944,100	700	53,900
Government	389,000	390,200	387,800	-1,200	1,200
*Hi-Tech Mfg.	168,000	167,700	177,200	300	-9,200
*Hi-Tech Nonmfg.	102,900	102,400	96,400	500	6,500

+Labor Dispute

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*Massachusetts Labor Force Data
Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in 000's

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June	3158	2969	189	6.0

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.9 PERCENT
IN JULY; U.S. ROSE SLIGHTLY TO 6.1 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for July was 5.9 percent -- down from 6.0 percent in June. The national rate went from 6.0 to 6.1 percent.

"The data for July -- 61,000 more workers in the labor force, 58,000 more people working and 2,000 more unemployed -- combine for a slight drop in the rate," Nordberg said. "This is the sixth consecutive month that we have been at or below the national average."

Massachusetts was the third lowest of the eleven large states. The July rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 9.0 percent; New York - 7.1; Texas - 6.8; Pennsylvania - 6.5; New Jersey - 6.4; Illinois - 6.3; Florida - 6.2; Michigan - 6.0; Ohio - 5.8; and North Carolina - 4.7 percent.

Nordberg also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts employers for June shows an estimated total of 2,927,400 jobs -- 92,800 more than there were in June of 1993 -- with the services industry sector reaching 1,002,200 jobs. This is the first time ever that a Massachusetts industry sector has reached the one-million jobs level. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>June'94</u>	<u>May'94</u>	<u>June'93</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Mo.</u>	<u>Net Chg. Yr. Ago</u>
Nonagricult.	2,927,400	2,922,200	2,834,600	5,200	92,800
Construction	88,700	89,000	77,600	-300	11,100
Manufacturing	447,700	447,300	454,900	400	-7,200
Transp., Util.	127,200	127,500	123,000	-300	4,200
Trade	671,000	668,700	643,700	2,300	27,300
Wholesale	159,100	158,400	152,300	700	6,800
Retail	511,900	510,300	491,400	1,600	20,500
Fin., Ins., R.E.	202,900	202,200	199,000	700	3,900
Services	1,002,200	997,500	947,400	4,700	54,800
Government	386,600	388,900	387,800	-2,300	-1,200
*Hi-Tech Mfg.	168,700	168,100	176,700	600	-8,000
*Hi-Tech Nonmfg.	104,500	102,900	97,800	1,600	6,700

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July	3219	3028	191	5.9

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT STAYS AT 5.9 PERCENT
IN AUGUST; U.S. AT 6.1 PERCENT

Deputy Commissioner Richard T. Sullivan of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for August was 5.9 percent -- the same rate as in July. The national rate also remained steady at 6.1 percent.

"This is the seventh consecutive month that we have been at or below the national average," Sullivan said. "The survey data for August shows fewer people working and fewer unemployed, combining for a steady unemployment rate."

Massachusetts was the fifth lowest of the eleven large states. The August rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 8.9 percent; New York - 6.9; Texas - 6.6; Michigan - 6.3; Pennsylvania - 6.3; New Jersey - 6.0; Illinois - 5.7; Florida - 5.6; Ohio - 5.4; and North Carolina - 5.2 percent.

Sullivan also noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts employers for July shows an estimated total of 2,936,900 jobs -- 79,700 more than there were in July of 1993 -- with the services industry sector reaching 1,010,200 jobs. This is the second consecutive month that the services sector has surpassed the one-million jobs level. (See reverse side.)

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>July'94</u>	<u>June'94</u>	<u>July'93</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Mo.</u>	<u>Net Chg. Yr. Ago</u>
Nonagricult.	2,936,900	2,927,000	2,857,200	9,900	79,700
Construction	88,000	88,300	82,400	-300	5,600
Manufacturing	450,900	448,100	453,100	2,800	-2,200
Transp., Util.	127,800	127,400	124,400	400	3,400
Trade	673,200	670,600	649,200	2,600	24,000
Wholesale	159,000	159,100	152,500	-100	6,500
Retail	514,200	511,500	496,700	2,700	17,500
Fin., Ins., R.E.	202,700	202,300	200,500	400	2,200
Services	1,010,200	1,001,700	958,000	8,500	52,200
Government	382,900	387,500	388,400	-4,600	-5,500
*Hi-Tech Mfg.	167,200	168,800	172,800	-1,600	-5,600
*Hi-Tech Nonmfg.	106,100	104,900	98,700	1,200	7,400

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June	3158	2969	189	6.0
July	3219	3028	191	5.9
August	3172	2984	188	5.9

 *NOTE: Due to the Current Population Survey (CPS) redesign, comparisons with prior years are not advisable.

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.2 PERCENT
IN SEPTEMBER; U.S. AT 5.9 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for September was 5.2 percent -- down from 5.9 in August. The national rate also dropped -- down to 5.9 from 6.1 percent.

"This is the eighth consecutive month that we have been at or below the national average and we now have the second lowest unemployment of the eleven large states," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows more people working and fewer unemployed, combining for a lower rate for September."

The September rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 8.3 percent; Florida - 6.7; New Jersey - 6.7; Pennsylvania - 6.7; New York - 6.2; Texas - 6.2; Illinois - 5.7; Michigan - 5.5; Ohio - 5.5; and North Carolina - 5.1 percent.

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts employers for August shows an estimated total of 2,941,600 jobs -- 81,300 more than in August of 1993. The services industry sector reached 1,013,400 jobs, surpassing the one-million level for the third consecutive month. (See reverse side.)

In addition to unemployment information, Nordberg also announced that the \$325 maximum weekly wage paid to people collecting unemployment insurance compensation has been raised to \$336. The rate is calculated annually to equal 57.5 percent of the state's average weekly wage, which, this past year, was \$585.66 -- the second consecutive year in which the increase exceeded the national rate of inflation. Claimants who filed insurance claims beginning Monday, October 3 may be eligible to receive the new rate.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>August '94</u>	<u>July '94</u>	<u>August '93</u>	<u>Net Chg. Prior Mo.</u>	<u>Net Chg. Yr. Ago</u>
Nonagricult.	2,941,600	2,934,700	2,860,300	6,900	81,300
Construction	87,500	86,900	83,200	600	4,300
Manufacturing	449,000	450,300	451,300	-1,300	-2,300
Transp., Util.	127,100	127,700	124,400	-600	2,700
Trade	675,400	673,100	650,100	2,300	25,300
Wholesale	159,300	158,900	152,200	400	7,100
Retail	516,100	514,200	497,900	1,900	18,200
Fin., Ins., R.E.	202,700	202,600	200,400	100	2,300
Services	1,013,400	1,009,900	960,600	3,500	52,800
Government	385,400	383,000	389,100	2,400	-3,700
*Hi-Tech Mfg.	165,800	166,900	172,100	-1,100	-6,300
*Hi-Tech Nonmfg.	106,600	106,300	98,900	300	7,770

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September	3181	3014	167	5.2

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**MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AT 6.4 PERCENT;
U.S. AT 5.8 PERCENT**

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for October is 6.4 percent, which ranks in the middle of the eleven large states. The U.S. rate is 5.8 percent. The three-month average in Massachusetts stands at 5.9 percent, equal to the three-month, national average.

"This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, indicates that an improving economy has prompted more people to search for jobs throughout the state," said Nordberg. "This number also represents an increase in the number of temporary layoffs due to seasonal employment."

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts employers for September shows an estimated total of 2,941,800 jobs, 75,600 more than in September of 1993. The services industry sector accounted for 1,014,800 jobs, surpassing the 1-million level for the fourth consecutive month. (See reverse side.)

The October rates for the other ten large states were: California - 7.7 percent; New Jersey - 6.7; Florida - 6.5; New York - 6.5; Illinois - 6.3; Pennsylvania - 6.0; Texas - 5.9; Michigan - 5.1; North Carolina - 5.0; and Ohio - 4.9 percent.

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Preliminary Monthly Employment Estimates (CES-790)
(Seasonally Adjusted)

<u>Industry</u>	<u>September '94</u>	<u>August '94</u>	<u>September '93</u>	<u>Net Change Prior Month</u>	<u>Net Change Year Ago</u>
Nonagricult.	2,941,800	2,942,200	2,866,200	-400	75,600
Construction	86,600	87,100	83,900	-500	2,700
Manufacturing	446,900	449,200	450,300	-2,300	-3,400
Transp./Util.	126,200	127,100	125,000	-900	1,200
Trade	675,300	675,900	648,900	-600	26,400
Wholesale	159,200	159,500	153,000	-300	6,200
Retail	516,100	516,400	495,900	-300	20,200
Fin.,Ins.,RE	202,200	202,200	200,300	0	1,900
Services	1,014,800	1,014,200	966,600	600	48,200
Government	388,600	385,400	390,000	3,200	-1,400
*High Tech					
Mfg.	165,900	166,200	171,600	-300	-5,700
*High Tech	105,600	106,400	98,900	-800	6,700
Non-mfg.					

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Massachusetts Labor Force Data
Seasonally Adjusted Numbers in 000's

<u>1994</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Rate</u>
January	3172	2944	228	7.2
February	3130	2930	200	6.4
March	3142	2957	185	5.9
April	3127	2937	190	6.1
May	3155	2972	183	5.8
June	3158	2969	189	6.0
July	3219	3028	191	5.9
August	3172	2984	188	5.9
September	3181	3014	167	5.2
October	3183	2979	205	6.4

*NOTE: Due to the Current Population Survey (CPS) redesign, comparisons to prior years are not advisable.

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MASSACHUSETTS' UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS TO 5.5 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER; U.S. AT 5.6 PERCENT

Commissioner Nils L. Nordberg of the Department of Employment and Training (D.E.T.) announced today that the Massachusetts unemployment rate for November was 5.5 percent -- down from 6.4 in October. The national rate was 5.6 percent -- down from October's 5.8 percent.

"The year-to-date average unemployment rate in Massachusetts is 6.0 percent, compared to 6.1 for the U.S., and our three-month average of 5.7 matches that of the U.S.," Nordberg said. "This monthly survey, conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, shows 11,000 more people working and 31,000 fewer unemployed, combining for a lower rate for November."

The November rates for the remaining ten large states were: California - 7.7 percent; Florida - 6.8; New Jersey - 6.6; New York - 6.3; Pennsylvania - 5.9; Texas - 5.5; Illinois - 5.0; Ohio - 4.7; Michigan - 4.6; and North Carolina - 4.1 percent.

Nordberg noted that the payroll survey of Massachusetts jobs in October was 2,941,400 -- 71,600 more than in October of 1993. The services industry sector had 1,012,400 jobs, exceeding the one-million level for the fifth consecutive month. (See reverse side.)

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Construction	87,200	86,500	84,800	700	2,400
Manufacturing	444,700	446,500	449,800	-1,800	-5,100
Transp./Util.	127,100	126,600	125,800	500	1,300
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Fin., Ins., R.E.	201,900	202,600	200,600	-700	1,300
Services	1,012,400	1,014,700	968,200	-2,300	44,200
Government	391,200	388,700	389,700	2,500	1,500
*High Tech					
Mfg.	163,800	165,600	171,400	-1,800	-7,600
*High Tech	106,000	105,600	98,800	400	-7,200
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